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BIG LEAGUE DEBATE.

COMMONS APPROVAL OF BRITAIN'S POLICY.

OPPOSITION ATTACK FAILS.

After Sir Austen Chamberlain had intimated that he would resign if an adverse vote were carried, the House of Commons has by a big majority rejected an Opposition motion which was tantamount to a vote of censure on the Foreign Secretary. This result followed a full-dress debate on Britain's policy at Geneva in connection with the recent meeting of the League of Nations Assembly which failed to reach an agreement on Germany's application for a permanent seat on the Council.

The Opposition attack was led by Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the latter of whom characterised the Geneva proceedings as Britain's biggest diplomatic blunder in recent years. Sir Austen Chamberlain replied at great length, and stoutly denied an accusation made by Mr. Lloyd George of disloyalty to Germany, remarking that it was eloquent that the charge was made by a compatriot and not by the Germans.

Rugby, March, 23.

The Debate on events at Geneva was opened in the House of Commons this afternoon by Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal Leader, who declared that the ideas of March had ended in tragedy. The Locarno Powers were responsible for the failure at Geneva, which had so damaged the machinery of peace. The obvious procedure at Geneva was to elect Germany to the League, and if the Locarno Powers had stood by that and insisted on the postponement of all other claims no one would have doubted but that it would have gone through without any difficulty. Instead the Locarno Powers, including Great Britain, had negotiated, conferred, manoeuvred, cajoled and indulged in international browbeating with a view to carrying their nominees. How could any one blame Brazil under these conditions. Sweden took the right and courageous course and represented public opinion in Great Britain.

CHARGES AGAINST FOREIGN SECRETARY.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply, regretted that Mr. Lloyd George had formulated no direct charge against him. But he understood that the first charge against him was that when he passed through Paris in December he entered into some secret and unwavering agreement with M. Briand and Polish claims.

Mr. Lloyd George, interposing, said that he suggested that Sir Austen Chamberlain, while in Paris in December, promised the Spanish Ambassador there to support the case of Spain and that M. Briand had already promised to support the case of Poland.

Continuing Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the second charge against him was that he had acted disloyally to Germany, and the third charge was that if he had put his foot down sometime previous to Geneva no other country would have raised a claim and that the whole matter would have passed over without any difficulty. And, lastly, that when at Geneva, he engaged in secret discussions instead of carrying on all discussions in the public sitting of the Council or Assembly.

DENIED CATEGORICALLY.

Taking these charges *seriatim*, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that when he met M. Briand in Paris he took an opportunity of learning his views on a number of subjects, but he began the conversations by telling him that on no matter whatever could he make any engagement until he had returned to his own country and got in touch with the Foreign Office and consulted with his colleagues, if necessary. They spoke about Poland, and he asked M. Briand why the French Government proposed to support the admission of Poland to the League Council and, more particularly, the claim of Poland to a permanent seat, so that he might report faithfully to his Government. Any suggestion that at that interview he undertook any kind of obligation to support the Polish claim, whether for a permanent seat or for a temporary seat, was without the least foundation. He denied it before.

went to Geneva and I desire my denial to be as categorical as possible. He had already renewed to Spain the assurance that Britain would, in suitable circumstances, renew the support of her claims which four years ago he and Mr. Lloyd George, as a Member of the Coalition Government, had championed and which the British Government had accepted. It was wholly untrue that he had acted disloyally to Germany, and that had he put his foot down no other nation would have ventured to put forward her claim. The Germans with whom he had dealt had never made any charge of disloyalty.

BRITAIN AS MEDIATOR.

At Geneva he did his best to persuade the other nations not to raise the question of new seats at this time. The League was an association of equal nations and to point to the representative of this country as some brief dictator who could order nations about and order them not to use their covenanted right was to misunderstand the whole position of the League. If ever any British representative attempted to play that role at Geneva he would have the reprobation of the whole League as his guerdon. The position of Great Britain was detached from an extreme view and she seemed, once more, in a position to play her accustomed part of mediator and conciliator. What was the view of the conflicting parties? On the one hand the Germans said it had never entered their mind that any change was contemplated in the Council, except the addition of a permanent seat for themselves. They could not alter what was the basis of their whole domestic campaign. As to the other countries, he believed that every Power but one, said they would be happy to support Germany's admission to a permanent seat on the Council.

BRAZIL'S REPLY.

Brazil sent an entirely different reply. She indicated she was willing to see Germany a member but gave no terms. She expressly said that this was not a matter to be treated between Government and Government but a matter to be decided in the League itself at Geneva, as the result of discussions there and with due regard to the International Law spirit of the League and other matters. Ought not that answer to have put Germany on her guard? France replied, saying she was ready to support Germany's claim to a permanent seat on the Council and to a proportionate representation on the Secretariat, but she continued that as to the other considerations developed in the memorandum of the German Government, Germany's request for admission cannot be receivable unless it carries with it neither conditions, nor reservations nor additions. In the answer which the British Government sent there was a similar phrase. In the same way we would support Germany's claim to a seat on the Council and a place in the Secretariat. There was no provision for Germany being allowed to claim admission to the League on special conditions or with reservations.

NO BAD FAITH.

He made no charge of bad faith against Germany and he said she

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THE RECENT CANTON COUP.

GENERAL CHANG KAI-SHEK
AS DICTATOR.

WANG CHING-WAI ILL

A report from Canton states that Mr. Wang Ching-wai on Friday last suddenly fainted whilst at work at his desk, and Surgeon-General Li Fung-cho and a French doctor were at once summoned to his aid. It is said to be a case of nervous exhaustion, due to overwork.

Mr. Wang has not attended to his duties since, and is being treated at his private residence. He has applied to the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang for leave of absence on account of sickness, and has requested that someone be chosen to act for him for the time being. As Mr. Wang is holding so many posts concurrently, the Executive Committee, it is said, is in a quandary as to the selection of a substitute. Amongst the many rumours to which the coup of Saturday gave rise was one that Mr. Wang Ching-wai had been wounded, but this has proved to be untrue, the fact being that he is merely sick.

As to the coup itself, it was carried through in one morning and on Saturday afternoon normal conditions had been restored. The plans were, it is said, conceived, directed and worked out by General Chang Kai-shek, without the knowledge or approval of any of the high officials, not even Mr. Wang Ching-wai. Another report says that General Li Chai-sum made an attempt on Saturday to reach the General Staff Office, but was prevented by guards and had to return to his residence.

In connection with the strike of the employees of the Canton Arsenal, it is now reported that the Government has yielded to the demands of the strikers and that the following terms were agreed upon by the two parties:—1st, the cartridge factory is to be made into an independent institution under the direct control of the Committee of Military Affairs and the post of General Superintendent to be created to direct the affairs of the factory; 2nd, the present Director of the Arsenal is to be dismissed; 3rd, preferential treatment to be given to former employees. The strikers, having gained their objects, have since resumed work.

It is further reported that the threat of the employees of the Chinese Telegraph Administration to call a strike has passed off without further incident, since the Government has yielded to the demands by recalling the newly-appointed Clerk-in-Charge and the Superintendent, who are to be given other positions.

WOMAN STABBED.

ARMED ROBBER'S HAUL OF
JEWELLERY.

When a Chinese woman was on the first floor at No. 554 Queen's Road West, she was accosted by a Chinese male, who held a knife in his hand. He told her not to make a noise, and pulled her into a room that was unoccupied. He then stole from her jewellery valued at \$120.

As the man was leaving the room, she caught hold of him and called out, whereupon he turned round and stabbed her in the face, back, and left forearm with the knife. He succeeded in escaping, and the woman is being attended to at the Government Civil Hospital. Her wounds are not considered to be serious.

Yesterday three men, armed with knives, entered an unnumbered match at the village of Chai Wan, and seized the occupant. They tried to tie his hands, but he called out for help, and one of the robbers stabbed him in the neck with a knife and said: "We have come here for revenge." A nephew of the occupant, who lived near, entered the match with a stick, and succeeded in driving the attackers off. Nothing was stolen, and the bandits made good their escape. The wounded man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where he was detained.

MALAY POLITICS.

GOVERNOR'S UNPOPULAR
POLICY.

PUBLIC CONCERN.

This country is enjoying its first taste of politics, says the *Telegraph* Singapore correspondent, and is making the most of the exciting pastime. Decentralisation policy of Sir Laurence Guillemard is the first real political issue which has been presented to Malaya for many years, and while it strictly only concerns the Federated Malay States, the three Settlements have also taken a keen interest in the controversy, and indeed it very closely effects the future of the whole Peninsula if all its implications are translated into fact. There has been general agreement with the desire to give the four Malay Sultans as large a measure of self-government as possible, but the difficulty would appear to be

TIENTSIN POSITION.

Arrival of Russian Cavalry.

Tientsin, March 23.

Some five hundred of Li Ching-lin's cavalry, of which half are Russians, arrived this morning and camped near the Central Station.

Cavalry, artillery and infantry of the allies have been arriving all day, and there are now about 10,000 Shantung and Chihli troops in the city, including a number of Chang Tsung-chang's forces.

The city is now very quiet and there are no signs of disorder.

No trains have run between Peking and Tientsin to-day, as a Kuomintang armoured train blocks the line near Yangtsun.—*Reuter*.

that no powers of any importance can be given to them without endangering the Federal Government's control over purely federal matters. All the important matters are federal matters, and if the tendency of the High Commissioner's policy is to put the State before the Federation he will find it impossible to do so after the past twenty years' successful working of the federal system.

At this Council meeting, Sir Laurence Guillemard produced a second memorandum in which he dealt with the objections raised by the unofficial members, who represent the great industries operating in the federal area, and placated the unofficials to the extent that they wavered down their resolution very considerably, omitting the words, "The Council views with the gravest anxiety proposals recently put forward which threaten the stability of the Federation, the continuation of efficient administration, and the possible curtailment of the usefulness and responsibilities of the Federal Council." The bite having been taken out of the preamble, the High Commissioner accepted two general paragraphs urging that a full and efficient maintenance of federal services was essential to the welfare of the country, and that the policy of restoring to the native States full control over their purely internal affairs need not conflict with the maintenance of a strong Federal Government. But the more fact that the resolution could have been framed as it originally was at a public meeting representative of public bodies and associations in the F.M.S. shows how genuine was the alarm which the policy aroused in the federal area, and how unwise was the manner in which it was brought forward and explained. The trouble at present is that nobody knows exactly what the policy involves. It may mean everything, or it may mean nothing, and it is

ARMY OFFICER'S LAST HOURS.

HOW LIEUT. THOMPSON MET
HIS DOOM.

FAREWELL MESSAGES.

Manila papers give considerable news space to the last hours of Second Lieutenant John S. Thompson, of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army, who on Thursday last was executed at Fort McKinley for the murder of Miss Audrey Burleigh last April.

The *Manila Bulletin* states that Chaplain J. G. Stewart of Fort McKinley, Mr. Taylor of the McKinley Y.M.C.A. and Rev. G. W. Wright of the Manila Presbyterian Mission were closeted with Lieutenant Thompson from Wednesday night until the time he was hanged. Rev. Mr. Wright, who visited him daily, said that Thompson came to have a real belief in the presence of God.

"Lieutenant Thompson did not attempt to justify the deed," said Mr. Wright. "He admitted that the circumstances were such that his condition was not normal, but expressed confidence that his act was not murder. Thompson realized that he had made a mistake and accepted things calmly. I believe that he understood himself to a certain point but beyond that there was something that he never shall ever understand."

"It was a case of real love and it seemed to me that when telling of the affair always, at a certain stage, he would stop and refuse to continue. His mind and soul were at ease. In speaking of his family, he expressed great tenderness, but withal, he was collected."

"There was a wistful look in his eyes on Wednesday night when we were talking. I wish I could see another sunrise," he said, but the manner in which he made the statement convinced me that he committed the crime, not knowing what he had done."

"Lieutenant Thompson has paid the penalty but he was a man to the last. He seemed to realize that God is love and was greatly aided, inasmuch as he would say, 'If God is love, love must be in God.'"

Lieutenant Thompson sent the following messages to members of his family: "Tell mother I was thinking of her; tell father that I am sorry I have never been of use to him; that I never tried to help his plans; and that I caused so much trouble. Also tell my little sister that I hope she will get all the happiness she may wish for."

GERMANY & GENEVA.

GUARANTEES WANTED BY
REICHSTAG.

Berlin, Mar. 23.

The Reichstag by 253 votes to 141 has rejected the German National Party's motion on non-confidence in the Government including a demand that Germany shall withdraw her application for admission to the League.—*Reuter*.

Later.
The Reichstag has adopted the Government parties' motion approving of the attitude of the German Delegation at Geneva regarding that the outcome of the Geneva negotiations did not correspond with the justifiable German expectations and declaring that "the Reichstag expects the Government to obtain speedily, guarantees that the promises made at Locarno, especially as regards the occupied regions, shall be fulfilled as soon as possible in accordance with Germany's just demands and thus make effective, before Germany's entry into the League, the agreement reached at Geneva with regard to the maintenance and compensation of the Locarno policy."

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

COLOSSAL DEFICIT ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

APPLICATION FOR RELIEF.

Tremendous losses, already amounting to almost half a million dollars, in connection with the contracts made with the Hongkong Government in 1923 for the building of waterworks and roads, were announced by the Chairman at the fourth ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, held this morning.

When the works in progress are completed, the local Government will have obtained roads and waterworks at over half a million less than cost.

An application has been made to the Government for relief and the Chairman expressed his disbelief that a British Government would take advantage of the contractors to such an extent.

The total ultimate losses on

Government contracts were estimated at \$650,000 at the very least, said Mr. R. G. Shewan, who occupied the chair. There were also present: The Very Rev. Father L. Robert, Mr. J. Scott Harston (directors), Mr. S. C. Cook, A.S.A.A. (secretary), Messrs. J. Coulthart, J. P. Braga, A. W. Smith, Li Tung and A. A. Alves (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—You will have seen from the report and accounts (which have been in your hands for some days and which, with your permission, I propose to take as read), that the results of our year's working have again been very disappointing. This deplorable state of affairs is entirely due to the disastrous contracts made with the Hongkong Government, in 1923, under circumstances which I explained at our general meeting of last year. In our accounts for 1924 we estimated the loss on Government Contracts up to 31st December, 1924, at \$310,000, and I said at the last meeting that it was extremely difficult to forecast what the final outcome might be.

During 1925, two of these contracts have been completed, resulting in the loss, shown in the Profit and Loss Account, of \$82,162.63, and two more were practically finished at the year end, but on the fifth, which is the Chatham Road Extension, work had to stop owing to labour troubles. In consequence of the strike with the resultant shortage of labour, and the higher rates we had to pay, I am sorry to say that losses on these contracts have still further increased beyond anything we could have anticipated, for in point of time alone all the contracts should have been finished, with the exception of Chatham Road Extension, before the end of 1924.

DOUBLE LOSS.

In the case of one contract, Beacon Hill Catchwater, the exceptionally heavy rainstorm in July last caused a big landslide below Status Rock which carried away a large section of the completed portion of the catchwater. Under the conditions of our contract we were required to make good all this damage, being paid for the extra work at the original contract rates, but as these were already much too low, we suffered a double loss, as well as loss of time.

By now the losses on these Government contracts have risen to more than \$650,000 which amount has been provided for in the accounts. In addition to this, we estimate that there will certainly be a further loss of \$100,000 on the Chatham Road Extension if the Government compel us to complete the work at the original contract rates, and this latter sum must be regarded as an item that may have to be charged in the accounts for 1926.

It will therefore be seen that our ultimate total losses on these contracts are estimated at the enormous sum of \$650,000 at the very least.

COMPENSATION.

Our application for relief

these tremendous losses is still under consideration, and I cannot say more than that we trust to the Government's sense of justice and fairness to make us substantial compensation for our losses. If, however, such relief be not forthcoming we shall have to reconsider our position as regards the Chatham Road Extension contract and the further loss it will entail.

From our books, which are open to the Government's inspection, it can easily be seen that the Government will obtain these waterworks and roads at over half a million dollars less than their actual cost and we cannot believe that a British Government would take advantage of their contractors to such an extent as that.

SUCCESS IN OTHER VENTURES.

Apart from these Government contracts, our business has been sound, for our profit from other work last year is equivalent to some 16% on our capital which would have enabled us to pay you a moderate dividend, but all has been swallowed up by the Government contracts.

In connection with our department for foundations by the Franki piling process (which process continues to give complete satisfaction everywhere), we have done a fair turnover with satisfactory profits. We are now making arrangements to introduce this system of foundation piling to architects and engineers in Shanghai, where, owing to the difficult nature of the sub-soil, we consider there should be a much greater field for Franki piling than in Hongkong. We are also about to place on the market, reinforced and plain concrete pipes of various sizes made by centrifugal process. These we can produce at lower prices than the ordinary earthenware pipes, besides which they are stronger and more satisfactory in other respects and can be put to a great many uses.

I hope I have now made the present situation clear to you, but, if not, I shall be pleased to give you any further information you may desire. I now propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions thereon, that shareholders may wish to put.

The Rev. Father Robert seconded, and there being no questions, the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Mr. Coulthart proposed and Mr. A. Smith seconded the re-election as directors of Mr. J. Scott Harston and the Rev. Father L. Robert. This was carried.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$800 on the proposition of Mr. J. P. Braga, seconded by Mr. Li Tung.

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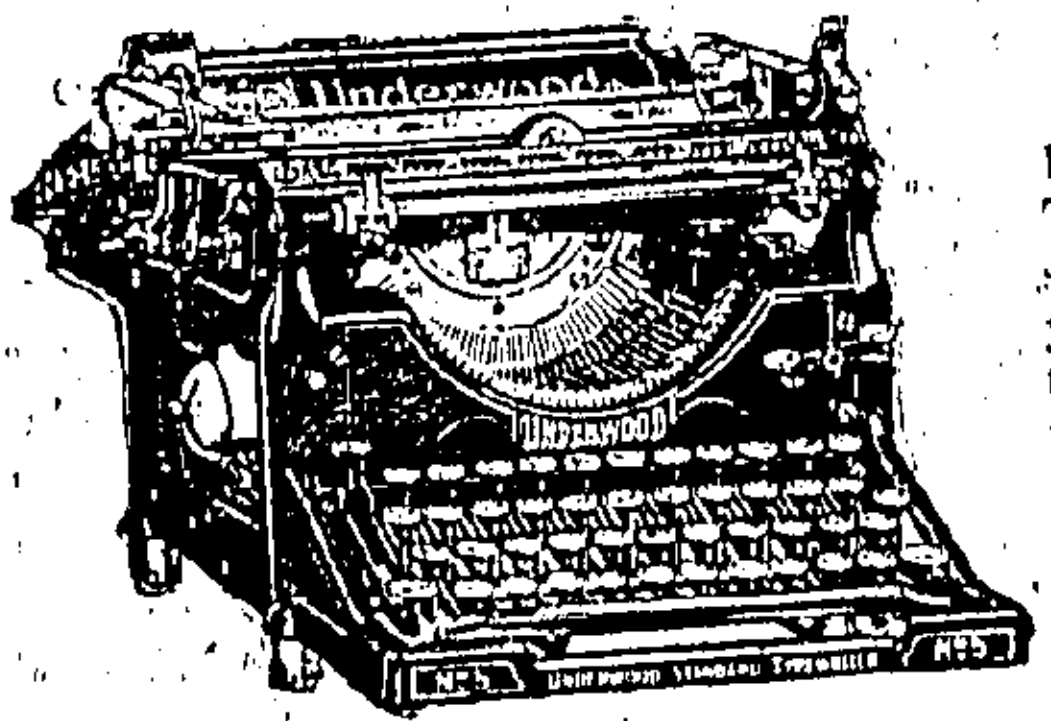
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THEOSOPHY

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ALICE MEMORIAL

HOSPITALS WORK FOR
YEAR REVIEWED.

Lack of Modern Requirements.

The annual meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals was held in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room yesterday afternoon. The chair was taken by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, and there were also present Sir Henry Pollock, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland, J. Owen Hughes, G. M. Shaw, W. L. Patenden, T. N. Chau, J. M. Wong, D. H. Cameron, Dr. R. McLenn Gibson, Rev. H. R. Wells, Dr. (Mrs.) J. A. Fraser, and Mrs. A. MacKenzie.

The Superintendent's report stated in part:

The number of patients treated in 1925 was below the average of recent years, owing to the abnormal conditions which prevailed during the early period of the strike. At the beginning of September all departments were resumed and the number of patients treated during the last four months of the year was satisfactory.

It was hoped that the scheme for rebuilding the Nethersole Hospital could have been undertaken, but the financial depression made it advisable to delay until conditions were more favourable.

Pulmonary tuberculosis is the most prevalent type of disease, but tuberculosis of the joints and bones is also commonly met with. A sanatorium is urgently needed.

A Loss.

Through the death of Mr. Chau Siu-ki the Hospitals have lost a loyal friend. Mr. Chau first collected the Chinese subscriptions in 1903, and from that time onwards was closely associated with all schemes for the development of the work; he was treasurer for the building of the Maternity Hospital, the Training Home for Nurses, and the extension of the Nethersole Hospital.

Dr. Mitchell has resigned on account of ill health after twenty years' service for the Chinese; his connection with the Hospitals began in 1904.

Dr. Forsyth, who was Consultant for many years, has now left the Colony, and we wish to record our appreciation of the help which he gave in difficult cases.

Thanks.

The new X-Ray apparatus has been installed and is of the greatest value in surgical cases; our best thanks are accorded to the donor for his generous gift of \$5,000 which enabled us to procure a fine equipment.

Special thanks are due to all the members of the Executive Committee for the time and thought which they devoted to the problem of financing the hospitals under difficult conditions. The Hon. Mr. Holyoak, Chairman, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Butler, Hon. Treasurers, and Mr. Wells, Secretary, were untiring in their efforts to do everything possible to maintain the efficiency of the work.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall has been appointed to the vacancy in the Executive Committee caused by the death of Mr. Chau. Mr. T. N. Chau kindly offered to collect the Chinese Subscriptions, and has done well in obtaining so many subscriptions.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. G. E. Aubrey who has again given valuable help as Consultant, to Dr. E. P. Minnett who has examined pathological specimens, and to Dr. Li Sung and Mrs. Dr. Fraser who have lectured in Midwifery to the nurses.

The staff has been strengthened by the appointment of Dr. Annie Sydenham, and Dr. Frank Ashton, Financial.

The year ended with a heavy debt.

The income is chiefly derived from the annual donations and emphasises the need for a larger endowment fund which would be a regular additional source of income. When it was seen that the overdraft would be large the executive committee reluctantly decided to increase the charges but, that the very poor might not suffer, discretion is allowed to the staff to reduce the charges in suitable cases. The total decrease in subscriptions was \$5,610 compared with 1924.

Ho Miu Ling Hospital.

The chief difficulty during the year has been the nursing of the patients. In the early weeks of the strike the work was carried on with a depleted number of dressers, but as outside pressure increased, even men who had been with us for many years were afraid to stay, and the Hospital was closed for two months.

The scholars of the Ying Wa Girls' School again brought gifts of fruit etc. from their Harvest Festival and at Christmas gave a splendid entertainment which was greatly enjoyed by the patients.

The two supported beds have been occupied by poor patients and very much appreciated all through the year and we wish to thank the contributors on behalf of these patients. The beds are supported by: (1) Manchester Infirmary Nurses' Missionary League, (2) Bournemouth Park Congregational S. S. Southend on Sea.

New Officials.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak; Deputy Chairman, Sir Henry Pollock; Executive Committee, Messrs. D. H. Cameron, S. W. Tse, J. M. Wong, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, and the Hon. Mr. D. W. Treman; General Committee, Messrs. W. H. Bell, A. H. Ferguson and F. A. Terry.

The plans for the new building were adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. M. Wong. The Rev. H. B. Wells, said that the erection of the building would be gradual and the old building would at the same time be demolished.

The estimates for the year, showing a deficiency of \$1,300, were submitted and adopted.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak, addressing the meeting, said that he again had the privilege of speaking to the gathering as chairman of the hospitals. He expressed thanks for his re-election and went on to say that he was not positive exactly how many years he had served in that capacity. There was no chairmanship to which he had been elected in the Colony or out of the Colony which had been such a pleasure to him as that of the Alice Memorial Hospital Committee. He regarded it as a labour of love and looked upon the work of the institution as one of the noblest in the Colony. He thought it was a work of self-sacrifice, and a magnificent one.

Commenting on the work of the various hospitals, the chairman said that there were 99 operations performed in the Ho Miu Ling hospital, and 93 in the Nethersole Hospital. The in-patients of the former institution were 424, in the latter 523, and in the Alice Memorial Hospital there were 445, giving a total of 1,402. The out-patients numbered 429 in the Ho Miu Ling Hospital, 7,839 in the Nethersole Hospital, 325 in the Alice Memorial Hospital and 11,779 attended the Dispensary, giving a total of 20,368.

A Handicap.

Continuing, Mr. Holyoak said that it was very unfortunate that at the Nethersole Hospital there were not modern requirements for carrying out operations, and he expressed the hope that this would be remedied at the earliest possible moment.

This was not the time to appeal for donations, but he knew there were many in the Colony who would give a donation without being hurt and so help the hospital.

It was only a few weeks ago that His Excellency the Governor visited the hospital and inspected the premises. He (the chairman) was certain that the Government would do as much as was possible for the hospitals in the future.

Mr. Holyoak referred to the services rendered by the late Mr. Chau Siu-ki. He had been a friend to the hospital and had raised the necessary funds in connection with the hospital work, and his advice was always sought in the administration of the hospital and especially in Chinese affairs.

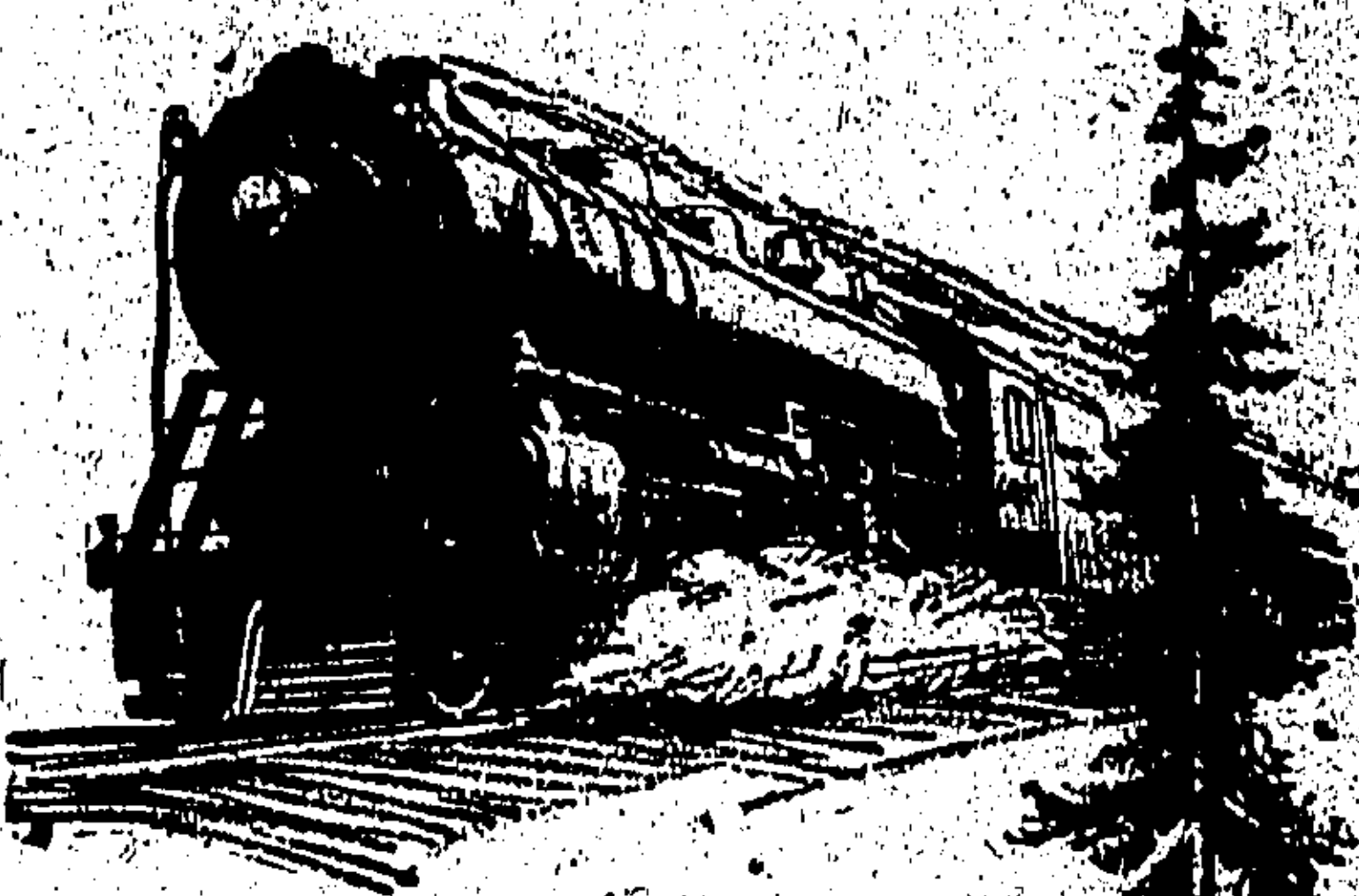
Mr. Holyoak had lost a personal friend by the death of the late Mr. Chau, but he was glad that his son had stepped in and filled the breach, and they were very grateful to him for carrying on his father's work. It was known that the name of Chau was an important one among the Chinese when subscriptions for charity were necessary.

The speaker, who leaves the Colony for England shortly, offered to assist the hospital as far as he could in the way of collecting donations, if he were required to do so. (Cheers).

In conclusion he congratulated Dr. Gibson and his staff on the work they had done for the hospital.

Rev. T. W. Pearce thanked the chairman and said that the fact that Mr. Holyoak had identified himself with the hospital, had assuredly pointed to the institution's success. He also thanked the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce for the loan of the room.

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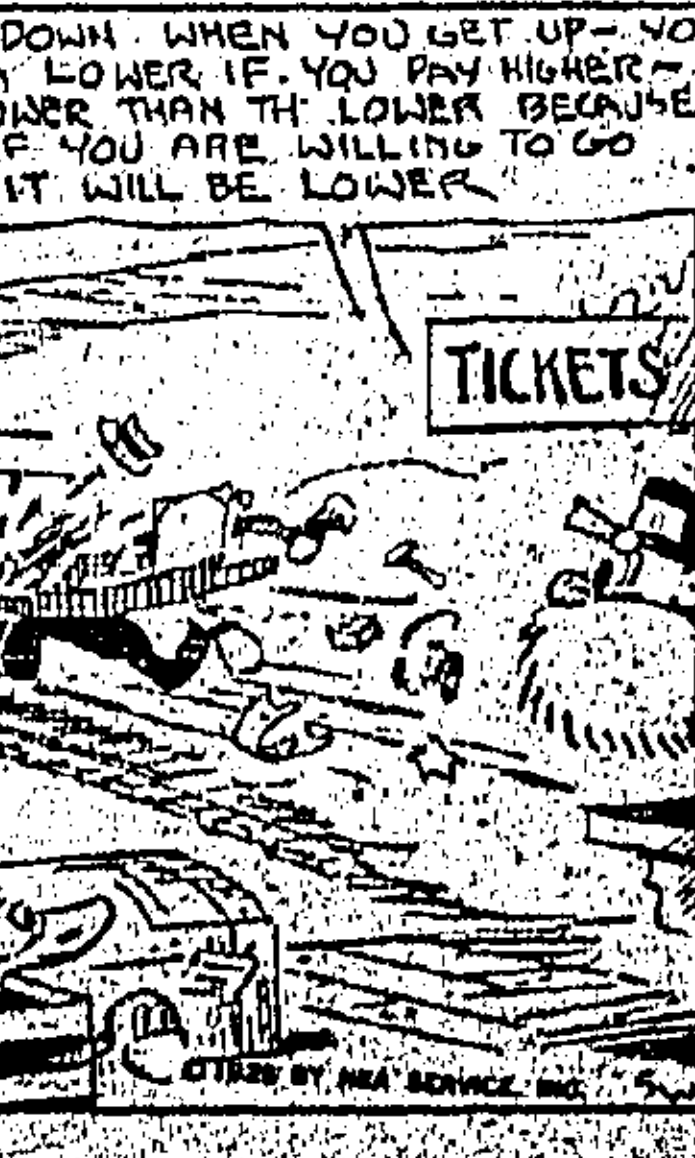
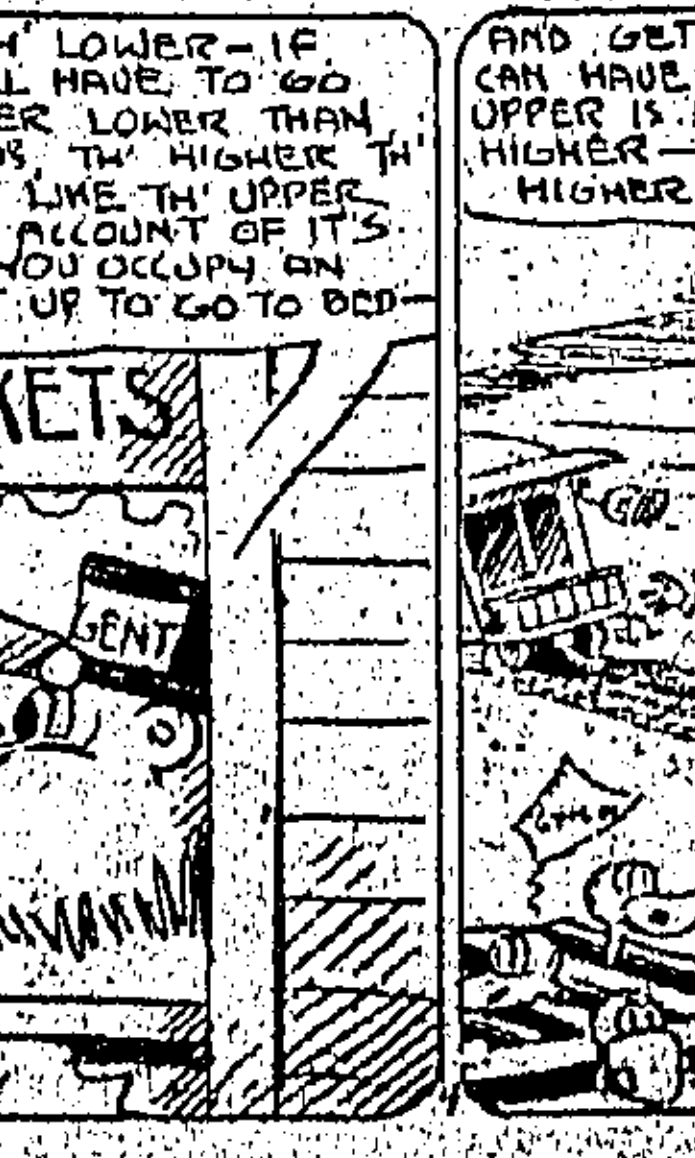
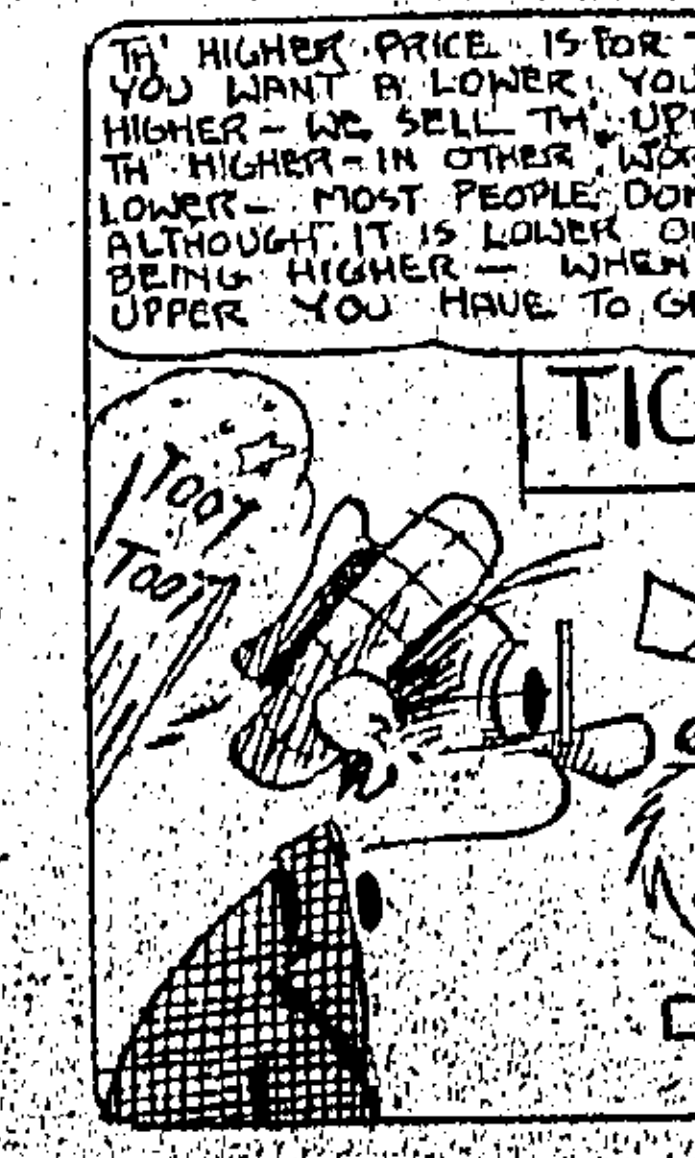
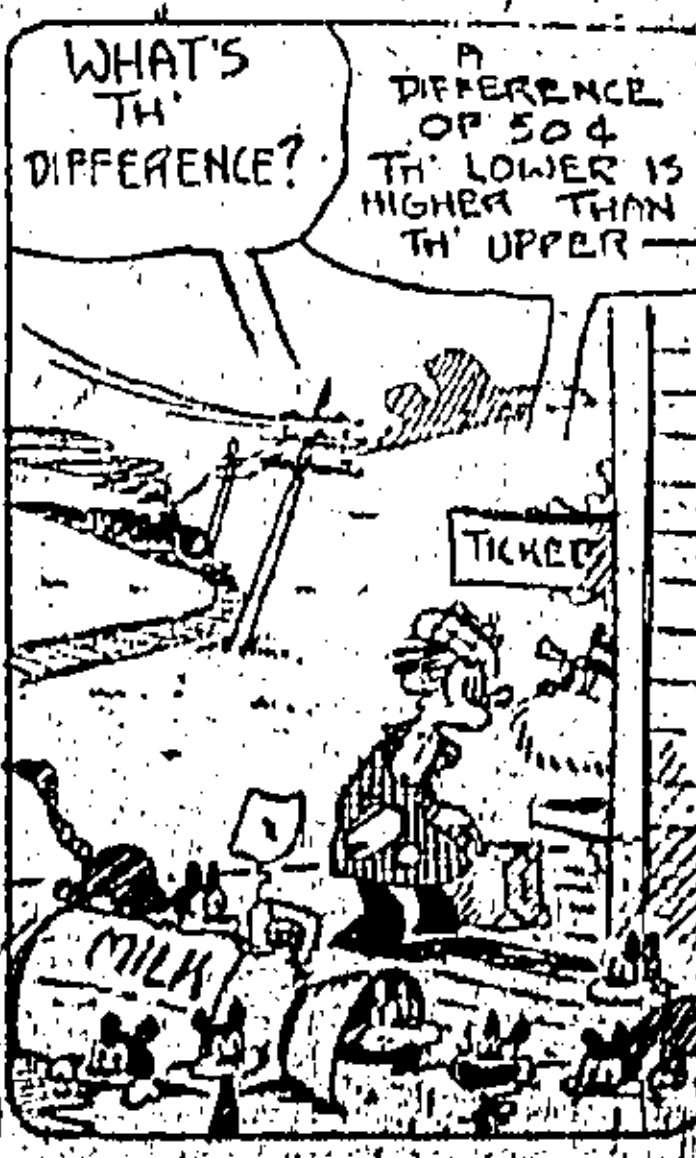
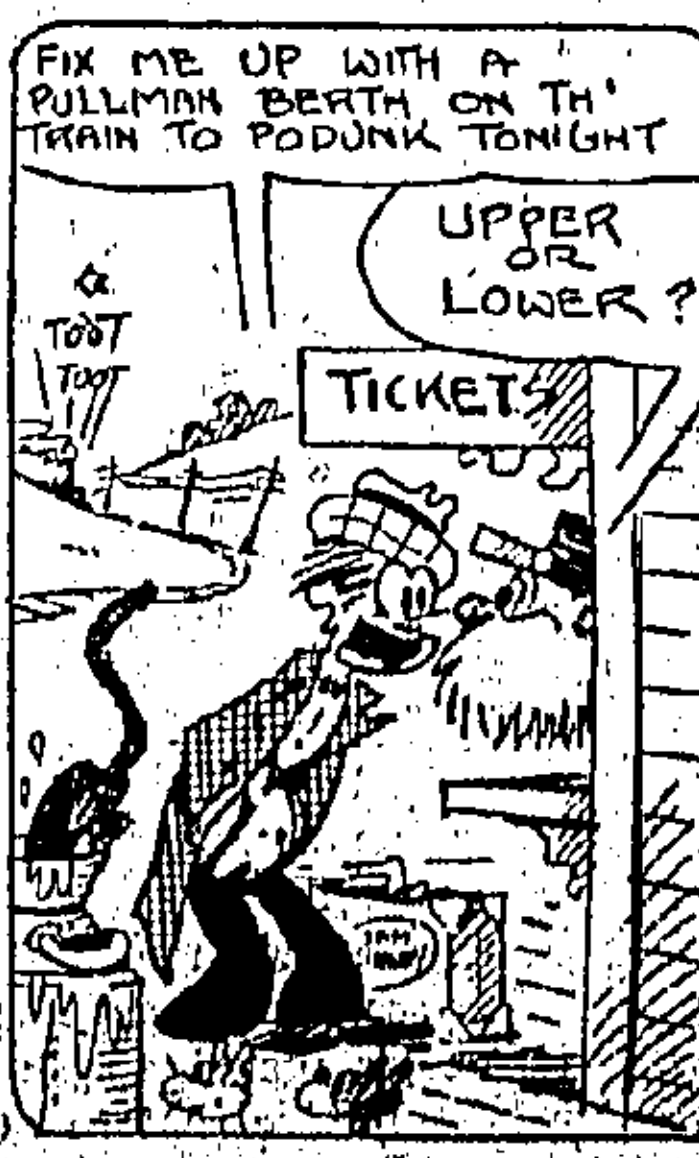
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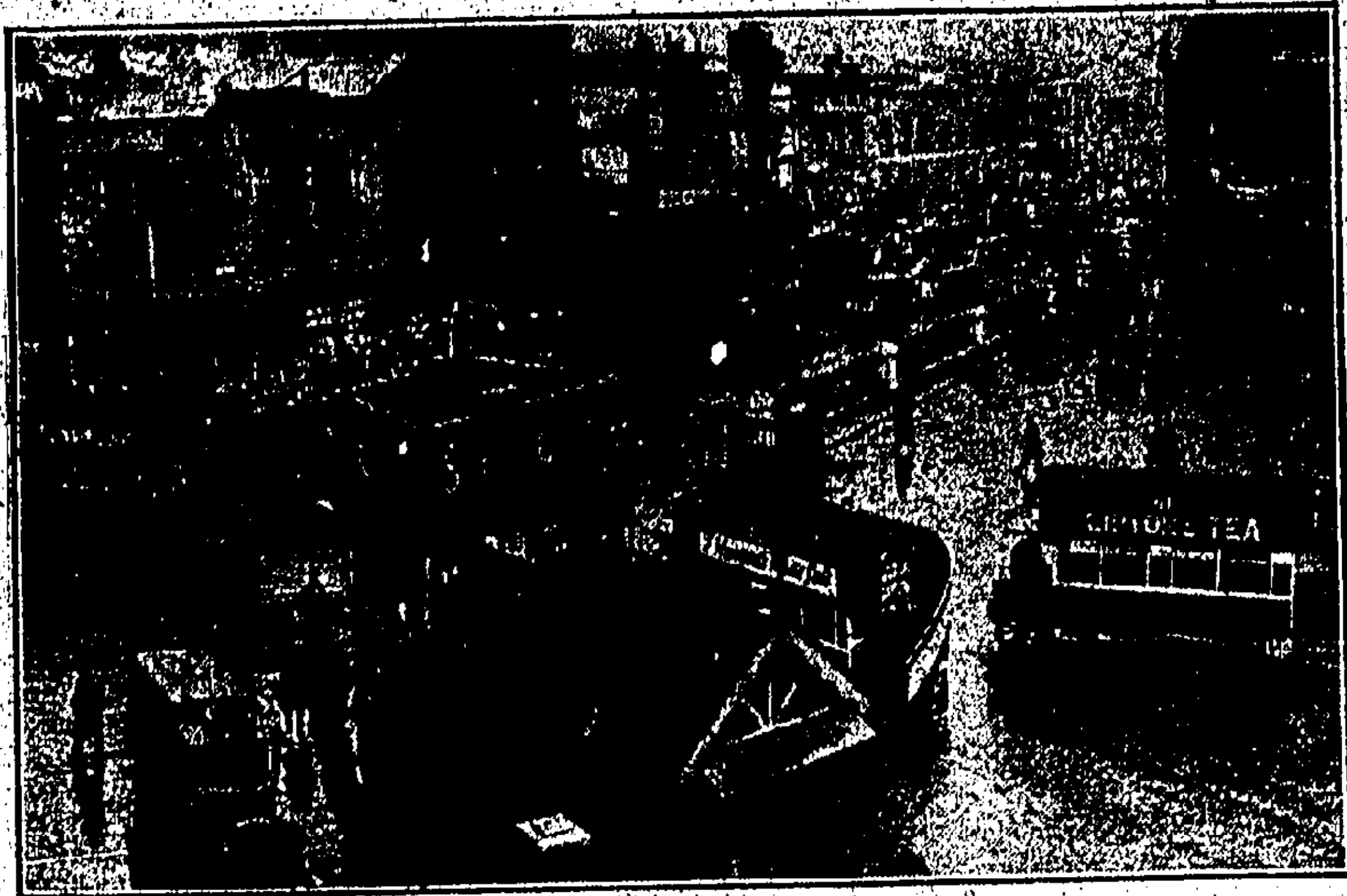
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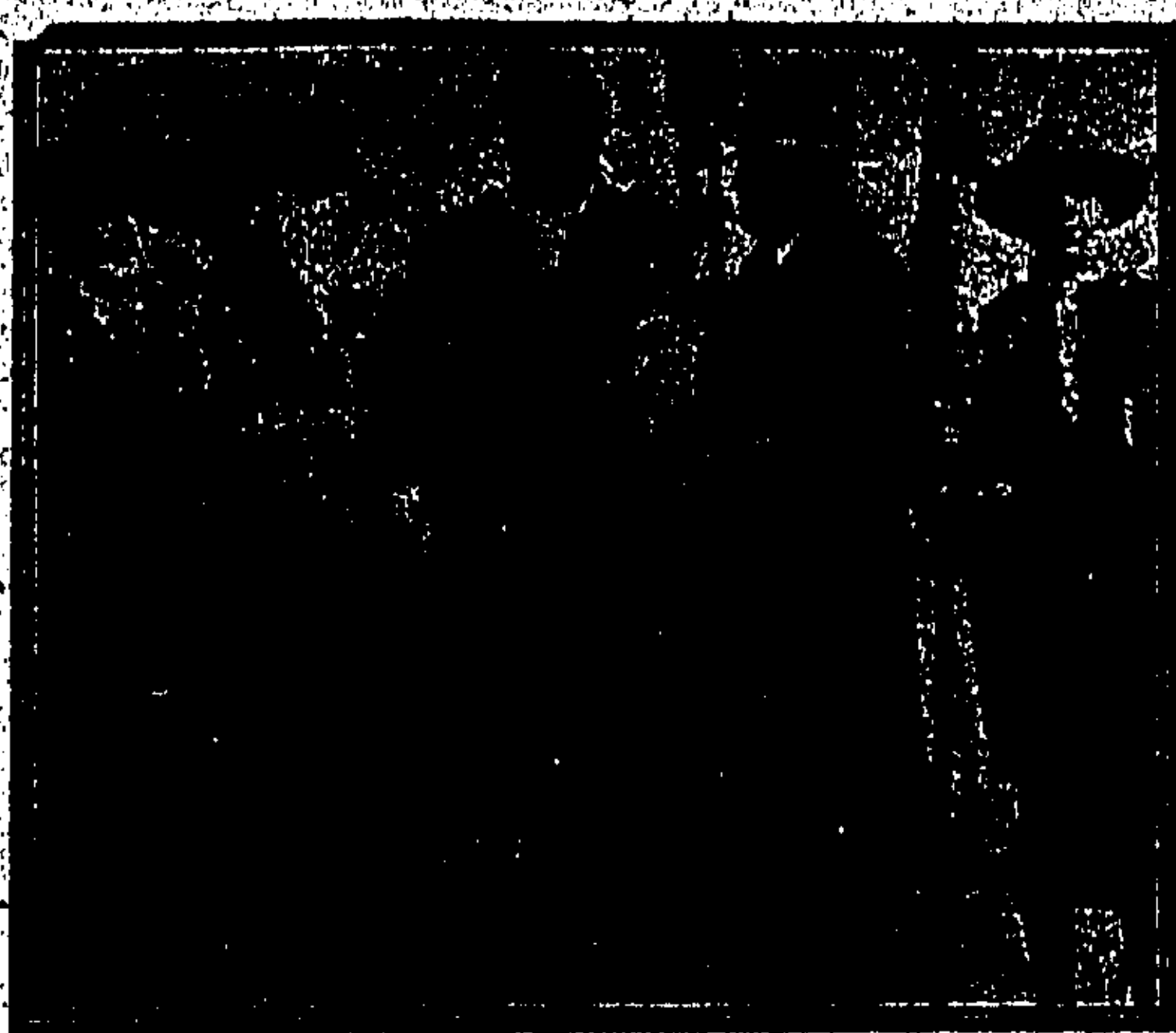
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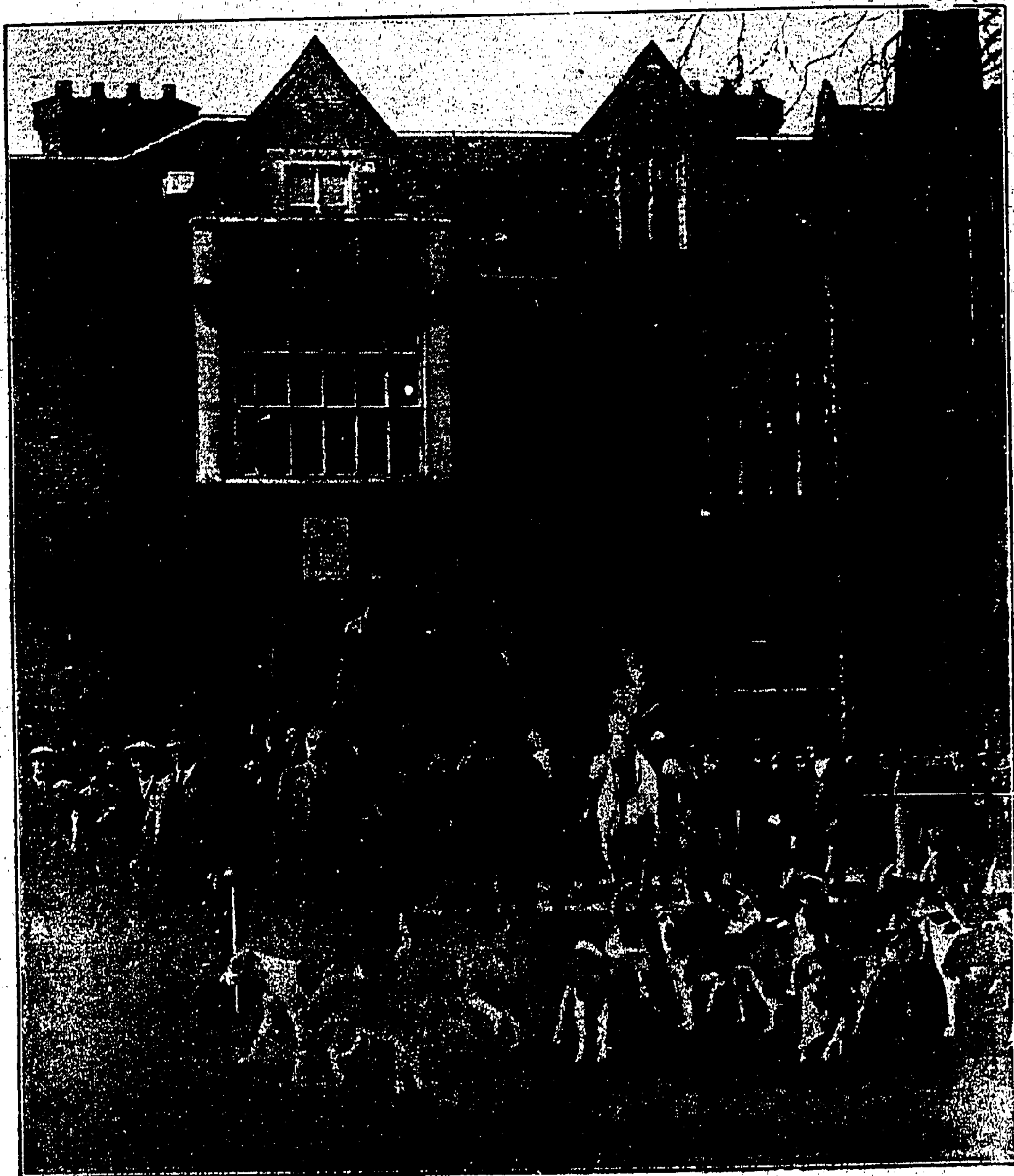




Work has been begun on the demolition of buildings in Wilton Road, London in connexion with the widening scheme for this approach to Victoria Station. A view of Wilton Road taken from the station yard, looking towards Pimlico.



Mr. F. C. Millington, Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, Shanghai Branch, recently left for home leave. He was given a hearty send-off by members of the Association. He was also entertained when passing through Hongkong.



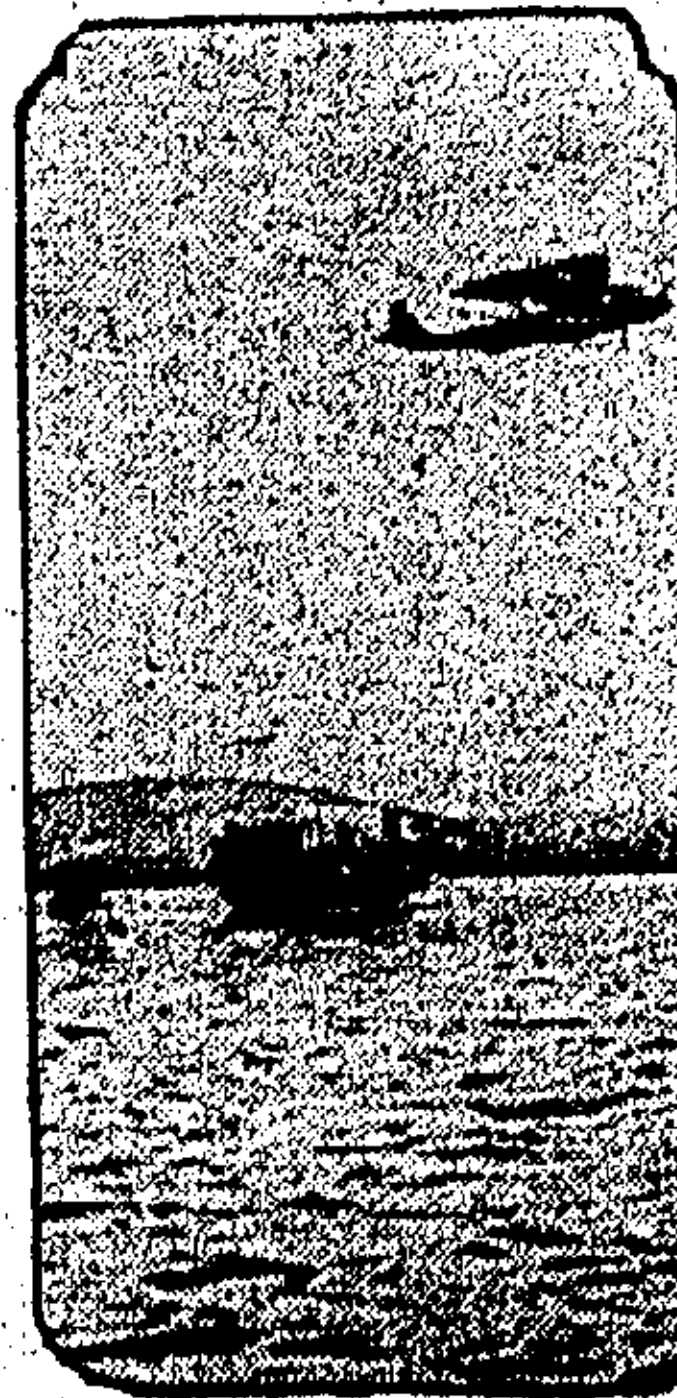
The Old Berkeley met at Chequers, the official country residence of the Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) last month. Our photograph shows the scene in front of Chequers at the meet; Mr. and Mrs Baldwin can be seen on the left.



Mr. S. Parker Gilbert is the man who sees that the Germans pay according to the Dawes reparations plan.



For the first time in the history of the Louisiana Jockey Club track, New Orleans, two horses ran a dead heat. It was at first thought that four horses had run a dead heat, but after a conference the judges decided only two had tied.



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NOTICE.

Mr. MARCEL GOLDSCHMIDT, authorized to sign the firm pro, will not act as manager of the local branch of Messrs. J. ULLMANN & CO., during my temporary absence.

L. WALCH
Manager J. ULLMANN & Co.

FOR SALE.

On the instructions of the Public Trustee of England the undersigned have been authorised to negotiate for the sale of the following properties:—

- 67/78 (Odd Numbers) Queen's Road, Central, on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 1/31 (Odd Numbers) Pottinger Street on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 2/82 (Even Numbers) Chinese Street on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 60/70 (Even Numbers) Des Voeux Road, Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 156/160, Praya East on Marine Lot No. 196.
- 31,167 Square feet of Land being The Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 196.
- 15, 16 and 17, Connaught Road, Central on Marine Lot No. 367.
- 18/23 (Running Numbers) Connaught Road, Central on Marine Lot No. 368.
- 35, Connaught Road, Central on Marine Lot No. 379.
- 37A, 37B, 38, 38A, 39 and 40 Connaught Road, Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
- Stephens' Building situate on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
- 7, Robinson Road on Inland Lot No. 713.
- 9, Shelly Street on Section E of Inland Lot No. 119.
- 44, Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
- 46, Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
- 4, Peak Road on Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 648.
- 9, Mountain View, The Peak, on Section A of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
- 10, Mountain View, The Peak, on Section I of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
- 5, Stewart Terrace, The Peak, on Section E of Rural Building Lot No. 9.
- 1 and 2 "Dilkusha" situate on Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 539.
- 52,453 Square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 538.
- 255 and 257 Shanghai Street, Yaumati, on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 29.
- 132, 134 and 136 Reclamation Street, Yaumati, on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Marine Lot No. 25.
- 162/180 (Even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yaumati, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 674.
- 182/200 (Even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yaumati, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 712.
- 202/220 (Even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yaumati, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 878.
- 2,375 Square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 422.
- 439, 441 and 443 Shanghai Street, Yaumati, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1518.
- 531/563 (Odd Numbers) Shanghai Street, Yaumati, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1102.
- 647, 649 and 651, Shanghai Street, Yaumati, on Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1081.
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NOTICE.

The Fifth Annual General Meeting of the "British Legion" will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 24th March, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Accounts for the Year 1925 and of electing officers and other Members of the Committee for the ensuing year and of appointing Honorary Auditor and of dealing with any other business.

By Order of the General Committee,
H. E. D. ADAMS,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
Hongkong, March 19, 1926.

NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting of Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, 25th March, 1926, at 4 p.m. in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, for the following purposes:—

- To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1925.
- To elect a new Committee.
- To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 17, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 3rd April, 1926 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to Thursday 1st April.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Monday 29th March 1926, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March 1926 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March 1926.

LOST SURRENDERED BILLS OF LADING.

Surrendered Bills of Lading for s.s. "Kibi Maru No. 15" arrived Canton on 31/1/26 from Kobe Nos. 23 and 30 (each covering 5 cases Cotton Piece Goods)

s.s. "Fukusei Maru" arrived Canton on 26/2/26 from Keelung Nos. 1 and 2 (covering Keelung Coal)

s.s. "Unkai Maru No. 5" arrived Canton on 28/2/26 from Kobe No. A.6 (covering 12 cases Brass Sheets) No. A.7 (covering 10 cases Copper Sheets)

having been lost, we hereby give notice that the abovementioned Bills of Lading have been cancelled, and that we have duly delivered the goods to the Receivers. Anyone found the lost Bills of Lading kindly return them to the Owners Agents, the **YAMASHITA KISEN KAISHA,**
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

With reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 27th January, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st April, 1926, instead of 1st February, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 2nd July, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2nd July, 1926.

FOR THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, 29th March, 1926, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for 1925 and to elect Officers, etc.

Will anyone willing to join the committee or take office please send their names to the undersigned.

B. L. FROST,
President & Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 20, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The forty-second ordinary annual MEETING of shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 26th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 20th March, 1926, until Thursday, the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 19th day of March, to Monday the 29th day of March, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 26th March, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended (the 31st December 1925).

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Action No. 561 of 1925.

Between—
Chan Leung Shi, Chan Ho Shi, and Man Kam Lo executors of the estate of **Chan Shek Shan** deceased.
Plaintiffs,
and
Luk Tsoi Ting and Wong Ching U,
Defendants.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE
of the
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
situate at
Yaumati in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong,
and known as

The Remaining Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 312,

Together with the messuages thereon known as Nos. 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40

Reclamation Street,
(with the consent and concurrence of the above named Plaintiffs as executors of the mortgagee under an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 12th day of October, 1923, and made between the said defendants of the one part and the Mortgagee of the other part.)

To be sold by Order of the Court made in the above action by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
on

WEDNESDAY,
the 31st day of March, 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m.,

by
Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers,

at their salesroom, No. 5 Duddell Street.

The property consists of:—
All that piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being at Yaumati in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and known and registered in the Land Office as The Remaining Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 312 together with the messuages erections and buildings thereon known as Nos. 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 & 40 Reclamation Street. The property is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 75 years from the 19th day of December, 1887, created by an Indenture of Crown Lease dated the 24th day of October, 1898, and made between Queen Victoria of the one part and Reuben Meyer Moses of the other part.

Annual Crown Rent about \$64.60. Area about 4,574.08 square feet. For further particulars apply to:—

Messrs. LO AND LO,
Vendors' Solicitors,
or to:—
Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 19, 1926.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

ACTION NO. 558 OF 1925.

Between:—
Chan Leung Shi, Chan Ho Shi and Man Kam Lo, executors of the estate of **Chan Shek Shan**, deceased,
plaintiffs,
and
Lau Tat, defendant.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE
Of the
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
Situate At

Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong and known as

THE REMAINING PORTION OF SUBSECTION 8 OF SECTION C OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 421.

Together with 3 messuages in construction, with the consent and concurrence of the above named Plaintiffs as executors of the Mortgagee under an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 8th day of November, 1924, and made between the said defendant of the one part and the mortgagee of the other part.

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Annual Crown rent \$11.39.

Area 2,586.38 square feet or thereabouts.

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Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1926.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,
The Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 19, 1926.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1926.

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"MISERABLE SCOUNDREL."

MAGISTRATE'S REMARK IN ASSAULT CASE.

In an assault case brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy to-day, an old man over 70 years of age, and his wife, very little younger, were the complainants, while the defendants were a young man and a young woman who lived with him.

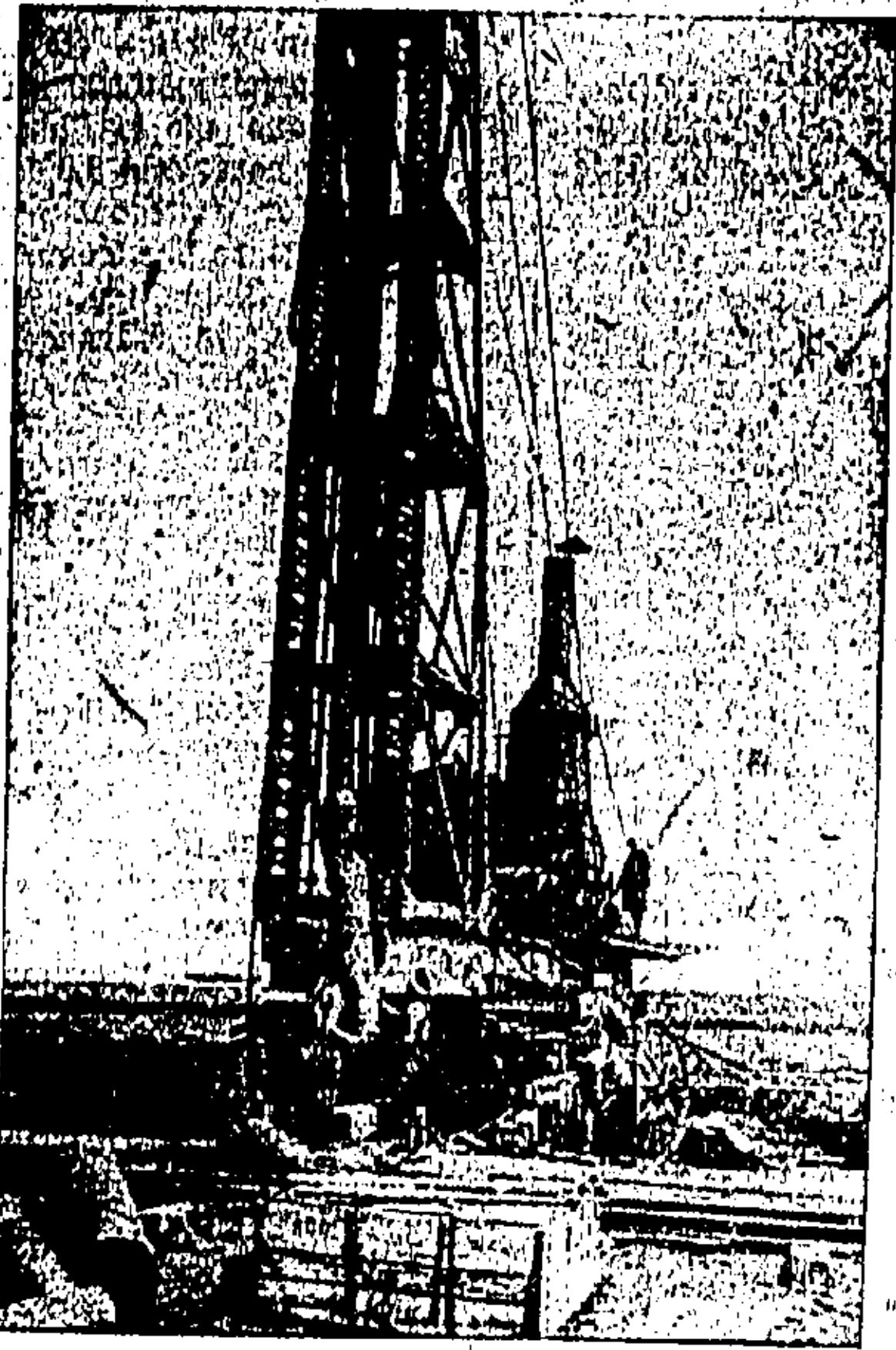
The marked disparity in their ages, and the fact that the assault complained of was of a very serious nature (the old man being still detained at the hospital) evoked from the Magistrate some very feeling remarks.

When the case came up before Major Wilson in the first instance, yesterday morning, this Magistrate had instructed that a graver charge than that of common assault be preferred against the defendants, who were then kept in police custody and remanded.

Evidence given by the old woman this morning was to the effect that the defendants, who were her sub-tenants, admitted a certain class of visitors into their room, a procedure to which she had raised a strong objection. The first month's rent had been paid in advance, but when it came to paying for the second month, she was threatened by the male defendant, who said to her that it would be easier to have asked for death.

The matter had been once taken before the police authorities, and, following an interview yesterday morning, the assault complained of was committed. The old woman and her husband were kicked in the stomach, it was alleged, and they were

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THE WING ON CASE.

EXPLANATION OF CONFLICT
OF STATEMENTS.

Deposit Books and their Covers.

The case in which two men are alleged to be concerned in an attempt to defraud the Wing On Company of \$50,000 was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

In the morning the printer of the books was recalled for further cross examination, and Mr. Jenkin, who prosecutes, said the witness desired to make an explanation of an apparent conflict of statements with regard to the two deposit books.

In his examination in chief the witness had said that one of the books was not his cover, but later he said that the book was his.

Mr. Jenkin said he did not want to detract from the value of that to the defence, but he wanted to draw attention to it in order that the difficulty under which the examination was made would be understood.

The light was not altogether perfect, and it might be that it was necessary to go into the daylight to see really well.

Original Evidence.

Mr. Hall Brutton said that, in view of this the prosecution might call another witness to enable the defence to see what the man's evidence really did amount to, and also to give the defence time to consider and make another survey of the books.

Mr. Lindsell: He will have to go back, I gather, on what he said last time and to revert to what he did in fact say originally.

Mr. Hall Brutton said he did not quite see where he was now, and replied in the affirmative when Mr. Lindsell asked if he had been cross-examining as if one exhibit was forged, whereas before the other book had been alleged to be forged.

Defendants' Statements.

Another witness, a police interpreter then went into the box, and gave evidence of statements made by the defendants. Reference was made to the statement made by the original second defendant who absconded, and Mr. Hall Brutton suggested that the statement should not be admitted.

Mr. Lindsell said he gathered it would be Mr. Jenkin's case that the statement was made by one of the conspirators and might be used as evidence against another.

The statement was handed to Mr. Hall Brutton who read it, and said he had no objection to the statement going in.

Evidence of the solicitors' actions on both sides in the case was given by Mr. Balmer Johnson, and after his evidence the case was adjourned until the afternoon.

Power of Attorney.

Resuming after the fifteen interval an argument ensued between counsel regarding the admission of certain evidence of facts subsequent to August 13, 1923. It was decided to hear the later evidence before the point was decided.

Another witness said that he knew the two defendants and also the other man who was concerned in the charge. The original second defendant asked witness to go to the first defendant who would give him a power of attorney to conduct a case.

Witness said he was given the idea that it was an action against the Wing On Co. for the recovery of \$50,000. Witness said that he eventually got a power of attorney.

The case was adjourned until Friday.

AN UNFORTUNATE JUNK.

PIRATED ON OUTWARD AND
HOMEWARD JOURNEYS.

Three of Crew Wounded.

The experiences of junk T.1589. H. are a sad reflection on the state of affairs at present existing in the southern part of China. On both her outward and homeward journeys from Hongkong she was accosted by pirates, in British and Chinese waters respectively, and in consequence, three of her crew are at present in hospital.

The master, Chan Ling, states that he left Kapsimun at 6 p.m. on February 24 for Tam Chow, with a cargo of 350 cases of kerosene and five tons of oil. Exactly 24 hours later, when between Tung Ku and Sa Chow, in British waters, two fishing boats approached and asked him if he wished to buy fish. He accepted the offer, but when the boats drew alongside, 15 fully armed men boarded his boat and fired two shots, subduing the crew.

Taken by surprise, the master could do nothing but surrender the junk and the pirates then steered the boat towards Kam Sing Pass and commenced transferring the cargo. While this was being carried out, a customs cruiser, believed to be the Cheung Kong, hove in sight and the pirates decamped. They took with them 20 cases of kerosene, two tons of oil, \$135 in Hongkong banknotes, jewellery and clothing valued at \$600, three muskets and one rifle, but left behind them a pair of glasses valued at over \$100. These latter were turned over to the cruiser.

The junk then proceeded to Ling Tin Customs Station and reported the matter, after which she proceeded to Tam Chow with the remainder of her cargo. Having discharged this, she left again for Hongkong with a cargo of firewood on March 17.

In the vicinity of Sheung Wang Lok, (in Chinese waters) she was hailed by a pirate steam launch, which called upon her to stop, at the same time opening fire, but the master and crew returned the fire, with the remainder of their armament. A three hours battle was waged, at the end of which the pirates withdrew, with what casualties is not known, but three of the junk's crew are badly wounded and are at present in hospital suffering from gunshot wounds.

The junk returned to Hongkong without further molestation and arrived here at 7 p.m. on March 20, when the master reported the occurrences to the authorities.

THE NORTHERN WAR.

PRICE FOR FENG'S HEAD.

Shanghai, March 23.
The Shanghai Evening News states that Chang Tsung-chang has offered a million dollars for Feng Yu-hsiang's head.—*Reuter.*

Chinese Reports.

Shanghai, March 23.
The retirement of the Kuomintang troops was based upon the decisions reached at the conference at Kalgan. The main forces are stationed near Peking and are waiting for a peaceful settlement.

General Lu Chung-lin, Tang Chito and other Kuomintang leaders have all reached Peking. General Feng Yu-hsiang will wait for a settlement before going abroad.

Over 13,000 Kuomintang troops reached Peking on the 22nd. If necessary, they will retire to Nanchang, and there will be 60,000 troops at Pongchun for the sole purpose, it is said, of developing North-west China, and to wait until Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu come into conflict before they will use their influence.

The Hupeh troops in Honan are hurriedly retreating to Hupeh for the purpose of defending the Hupeh-Honan frontier and East Hupeh.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*



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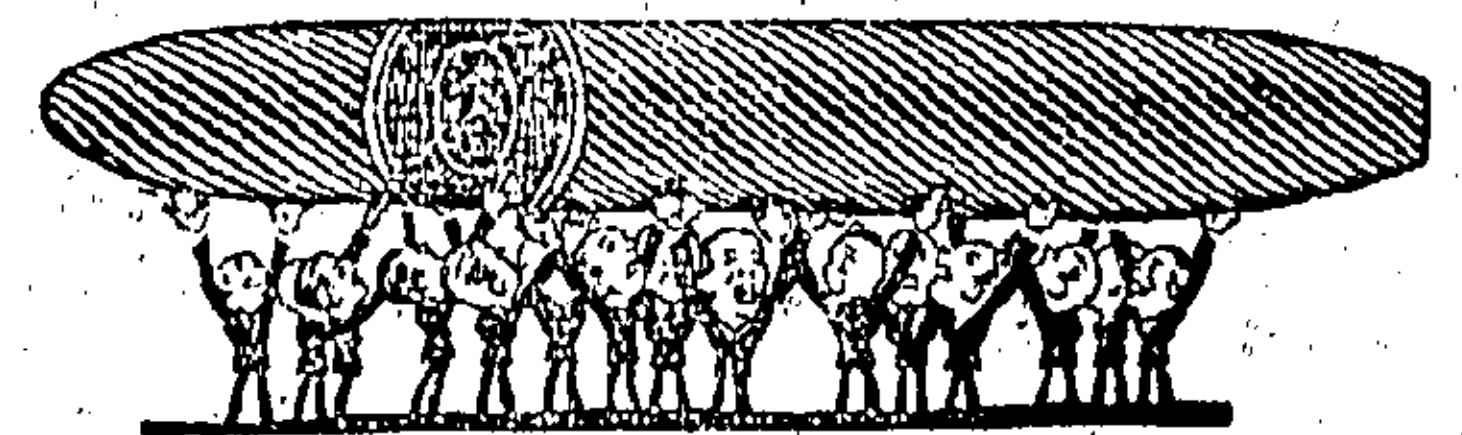
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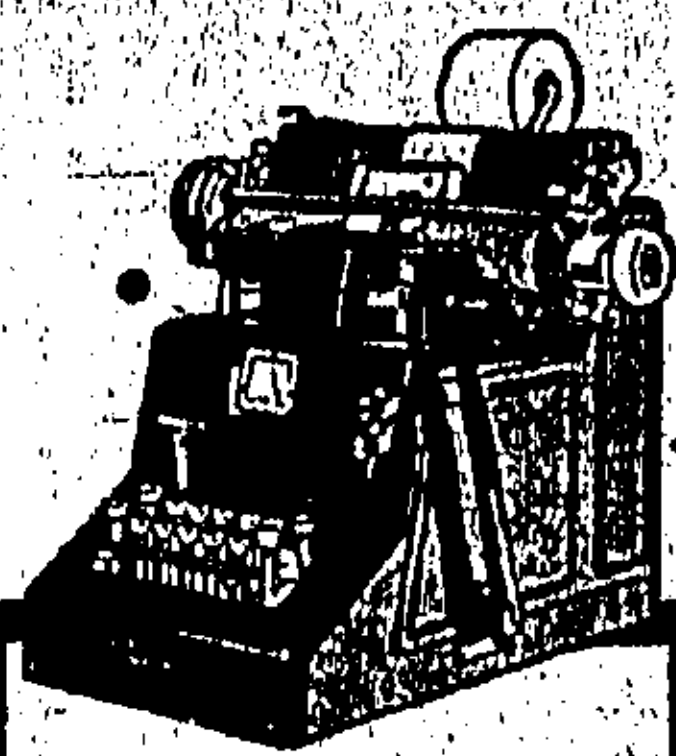
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The Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1926.

AGRICULTURE IN
HONGKONG.

As we stated yesterday, the Hongkong Government has just forwarded to us the prospectus of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture for the year 1926-27, and for anyone interested in such a matter the little booklet makes interesting perusal. The College is at Trinidad in the British West Indies and its object is to "provide training in the science and practice of tropical agriculture to students intending to become tropical planters, agricultural administrators or officers, or specialists in different branches of agricultural science and technology, and to offer facilities for the study of tropical agriculture to graduates of other colleges and universities. An important feature of the College is the provision for research and investigation work which its laboratories and fields afford." It is not one of the institutions to which the Hongkong Government makes a yearly grant, but, in view of the fact that the question of making better use of our New Territories from an agricultural point of view has been so often and insistently raised it would, we think, be to Hongkong's advantage to support and make use of an institution such as the one under review. If, after passing their Hongkong University matriculation examination, one or two local boys could be sent to Trinidad to take the special courses of instruction there offered, Hongkong might be benefitted by the later work they could do in helping to develop our New Territories into an area of greater agricultural yield.

At the moment, Hongkong's territory on the mainland yields but little, other than rice and native vegetables, and it has often been urged that far more might be done by the Government towards encouraging the raising of better paying crops. Few residents realise the extent and fertility of the large valleys which lie between the various

ranges of hills, for even a ride round the motor road falls to bring those valleys into view. There is a tremendous stretch of productive land between Un Long and Sugar Loaf Hill at the end of the Kam Tin valley, whilst on the other side of that Sugar Loaf Hill, stretching towards Tai Po Market, there must be many square miles of land under the plough. On the west side of the road from Fanling to Castle Peak—over towards Deep Bay and the Shum Chun River—there are further extensive tracts, and if the extent of the other valleys which abound all through the territories were totalled it would be found that there is plenty of scope to merit the application of a little modern agricultural science to help the present village tillers whose methods are as antiquated as China and whose crops are in consequence very poor. There is something akin to shirking in the attitude that matters are all right as they are and that everything can be left alone. Better use of the soil, better and cheaper methods of tillage, greater marketing facilities—these and many other things might well interest the administration responsible for the governance and well-being of the territory. At the moment there is very little done in the way of thoughtful encouragement of agriculture here, and we think (as do many others) that the Government might very well do a little more.

Street Cries.

What with the motor-horn nuisance, the clanging of tram-car bells and the chatter of chair and ricksha coolies, the business district of Hongkong is none too quiet or peaceful at the best of times. For some weeks past, however, the central district has had to put up with the nuisance created by street vendors shouting their wares. We have noticed this particularly in Pedder Street, in Queen's Road Central and in that portion of Ice House Street extending from Queen's Road to the Carlton Hotel. Peanut-sellers appear to be the principal offenders, and their raucous cries are annoying to business people who happen to be at work in these vicinities. The crying of wares in streets is regulated by Ordinance, vendors not being permitted to indulge in this method of advertising their wares in certain well-defined areas. Lately, however, many of them have been totally ignoring these restrictions, although they must be well aware of the fact that they are committing a breach of their licence conditions. What is more, Indian and Chinese constables, who surely ought to be aware of the law on this subject, take not the slightest notice of the offenders, who are often to be heard shouting their wares almost under the very noses of the police. We suggest that a watch be kept for these offenders, especially in the mornings, when the evil is most pronounced. It would need only a few captures, with consequent fines, to put a stop to this growing nuisance.

NOTED JAZZ BAND.

TO PLAY AT REPULSE BAY.

Hongkong residents are to have the privilege of dancing to the jazz orchestra of the s.s. Franconia to-morrow night at the Repulse Bay Hotel, when a special dinner dance will be held.

This orchestra, which is led by Mr. Harold Woodland, is world-renowned, having appeared at most of the world's leading hotels, including New York, Bombay and other big cities. Its music has been often broadcast by wireless, and the Repulse Bay management is to be congratulated on its enterprise in securing it for Hongkong. This is Mr. Woodland's third successive trip round the world as leader of the Franconia's orchestra, and to-morrow night will mark the first appearance of the orchestra on shore in Hongkong.

DAY BY DAY.

CHOOSE AN AUTHOR AS YOU CHOOSE A FRIEND.—Wentworth Dillon.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is—N.E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

The Empress of Australia left Vancouver on the 20th instant, and is due here on April 10th.

Having left Hongkong on the 5th instant, the Empress of Asia arrived at Vancouver on the 22nd instant.

The s.s. Changto (from Australia) left Sandakan for Manila and Hongkong on 23rd instant, and is due here on 27th instant.

Owing to wet weather, the hockey match arranged to take place last evening between the Club second eleven and the University was cancelled.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Sergeant R. T. P. Hicks, of Murray Barracks, to Miss Phyllis Storey, who is due to arrive in the Colony by the s.s. Assaye.

A Chinese has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from a dog bite. The dog is owned by a Chinese living at No. 243, To Kwa Wan. The dog has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

A Chinese has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his head, received by accidentally falling from a scaffold while at work on the Nursing Sisters' quarters in High Street.

The body of a Chinese, who committed suicide by hanging himself in a store room of the Ngai Kung knitting factory, 259, Portland Street, has been taken to the Kowloon Mortuary. The body was cut down and carried into the street where artificial respiration was tried without success.

The current picture at the Queen's Theatre is "The Age of Innocence." It is a rather conventional love tangle, in which all comes out happily in the end. Beverly Bayne and Elliott Dexter are the leading characters, and they are responsible for some powerful acting. The big German film "Monna Vanna" is to be screened from to-morrow.

There was another capacity house at the Theatre Royal last night when Mr. R. B. Salisbury's company, "The Quaints" gave a repeat performance of "No, No, Nanette." The good name which the Company deserves has already gone forth and there is no fear of anything but big patronage for the remaining nights of the season. Last night's presentation went with a hearty swing, the show being bright and sparkling from start to finish.

The weekly return of the Medical Officer of Health issued yesterday showed that eight cases of notifiable disease occurred in the Colony last week. Two were small-pox (one imported), one of diphtheria, two of enteric fever and three of rabies. All were Chinese. The deaths were two from rabies and one each from diphtheria and enteric fever. Yesterday's health return recorded two cases of diphtheria as having occurred on Monday. Both were Chinese.

Commodore F. J. B. Stirling, C.B., is to take the chair at the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, at the Helena May Institute, on Friday at 5.15 p.m. (tea will be served at 4.30 p.m.) and the speakers will be the Rev. G. W. Sheppard, Agent of the Society in China, and the Rev. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., O.B.E., Hon. Secretary of the local Branch for 46 years. Dr. Pearce is leaving for furlough in England early next month, this being only his fourth visit to the Home land in a residence of nearly half a century in the Far East.

EAST ASIATIC CO.

DIVIDEND OF 14 PER CENT.

Copenhagen, March 23. The East Asiatic Company's report for last year shows that, after providing for administration expenses, depreciations and taxes, it is proposed to pay a dividend of 14 per cent., pay a bonus to staff of 615,150 kroner, and carry forward 5,076,820 kroner.—Reuter.

"STORM IN TEACUP."

HOTEL CO. FINED FIVE DOLLARS.

Complaining that it was a most unjust procedure to prosecute his clients in a matter out of their actual jurisdiction and control, Mr. Wadeson, appearing for the Hongkong Hotel in a case in which the Company were to-day summoned for not keeping a lavatory in accordance with sanitary requirements, closed his case with the words:—"It seems to me that it has been, in fact, a storm in a tea-cup raised by certain persons with a certain small amount of authority." Mr. Wadeson suggested that this was the real reason why the summons had been brought.

Sanitary Inspector Strange was prosecuting in the case, which had been remanded from last week until this morning. He read certain correspondence passing between the Company, the police authorities, and the sanitary authorities, as supporting his case that the responsibility rested with the Hongkong Hotel for the proper upkeep of the lavatory in a portion of the building involved in the recent disastrous fire.

Mr. Wadeson said that the question was this—that the police authorities, after the fire, seized the premises in question actually under their statutory authority exercised in cases of fire of this nature, and had never released them. If the sanitary authorities could show when the police authorities had released them, he (Mr. Wadeson) would sit down and would not say another word. As the actual position was, nobody from the hotel had attempted to go into the premises whilst these were within the jurisdiction of the police. Had they done so, and attempted to remove any property therefrom, they would certainly be arrested and prosecuted.

Mr. Wadeson went on to refer to what he regarded as the injustice of the procedure in fixing the responsibility on the Hotel Company in a matter concerning

KWANGSI TROOPS.

TO MOVE INTO HUNAN.

News from Wuchow states that a force comprising 15,000 infantry, four battalions of artillery, two machine-gun corps and 8,000 horses and mules, for transport purposes, which belongs to the command of General Pak Shung-hee, has received orders to advance from Chuen-chow, the extreme north-eastern city of Kwangsi, to Tung Chow, in Hunan, and there to await further orders from General Pak Shung-hee, who has proceeded in advance from Canton to Changsha to attend a military conference at the latter place. There is still one more Division in Chuen Chow ready to advance when the order is given.

It is said that the advance into Hunan is being made in order to check the movements of General Ma Chai, who is under orders from Marshal Wu Pei-fu. It is also stated that troops from Kwelchow province are mobilised so as to be ready to co-operate with the Kwangsi units.

Generals Chan Kor-yuk and Chan Ming-shu have been appointed Joint-Commissioners of the Tranquillization Bureau of the eight southern districts, the latter general having sailed on the 19th instant for Hollow with a new supply of ammunition. It is stated that the headquarters of the Joint Commissioners are to be jointly on the island of Hainan and on the mainland. The question of deciding the localities for the headquarters of the Tranquillization Bureau is left to the discretion of the Commissioners.

premises which from the first hour after the fire had been held by the police authorities and which might not be released until an enquiry had been held. That enquiry had not yet been held, and they were still awaiting word when these premises were released.

After further argument, Major Willson imposed a nominal fine of \$5. During the case, it was intimated that work had already started on the lavatory.

The Very Idea!

Timidly she tripped into the chemist's, and made her way to the camera department, where, under the subservient attentions of a delighted young man, she was made familiar with several cameras.

"What is the name of this one?" she inquired of the assistant, as she picked up a dainty little instrument.

"That is the Belvedere," answered the young man, with a charming smile.

For a moment there was a chilly silence. Then the sweet young thing pulled herself together, and, fixing the assistant with a stony glare, she inquired icily:

"And can you recommend the Belva?"

The idea of Young Russia is shooting rapidly and effectively. A band of children has been organized for the purpose of raiding and looting the stores of the merchants and the houses of citizens. Those enterprising young fellows are qualifying for "political" leadership in their country.

A cheap cigar named the "George Bernard Shaw," has been produced in Germany. Perhaps this was intended as a suitable compliment to our most famous vegetarian!

A Reading magistrate recently thanked Mrs. Ellen Ayres for her "very brave" action in aiding police. A prisoner, under sentence, tripped and kicked his guard and attempted to get away. Mrs. Ayres pushed her way through the crowd, grabbed the constable's whistle and ran toward the police station blowing it. The whistle was heard by other officers and the prisoner was overpowered.

The B. B. C. (British Broadcasting Co.) claims to have discovered a new type, the "middle-brow." It consists of people who are hoping that some day they will get used to the stuff they ought to like.

The Elephant quickly packed his trunk. The Ape sought another climb. The Bat went out on an awful drunk.

Where sprouted the wildest thyme, There wasn't one of the frightened bees. But left his honey in tears, The Rabbit ran to the cottonwood trees. For cotton to stuff his ears.

The Shooting Stars took another shot. The Fishes dove for the deep, And every Rattlesnake mother forgot To rattle her child to sleep. The sensitive Plants could scarce survive. And even the Moon grew pale. At what Adam said when he sliced his drive To the depths of the jungle trail.

Mr. Arthur De Courcy Bower is dead. He was "The man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo," and probably the most sung about personage of modern times.

Here is a little information for agricultural readers: "There is a long cycle of thirty-five years and a short cycle of eleven years affecting agriculture caused by sun spots or other solar agency, affecting different sections of the country at different times, causing short crops and drought over a period of years and at other periods plentiful crops. This cycle secret is thought to be known to big bankers and the commercial class and helpful to them regarding mortgage loans to farmers."

Some men can read their wife like a book but cannot shut her up so easily.

Mme. Melba has decided to make another farewell appearance on the operatic stage at the Convent Garden season.

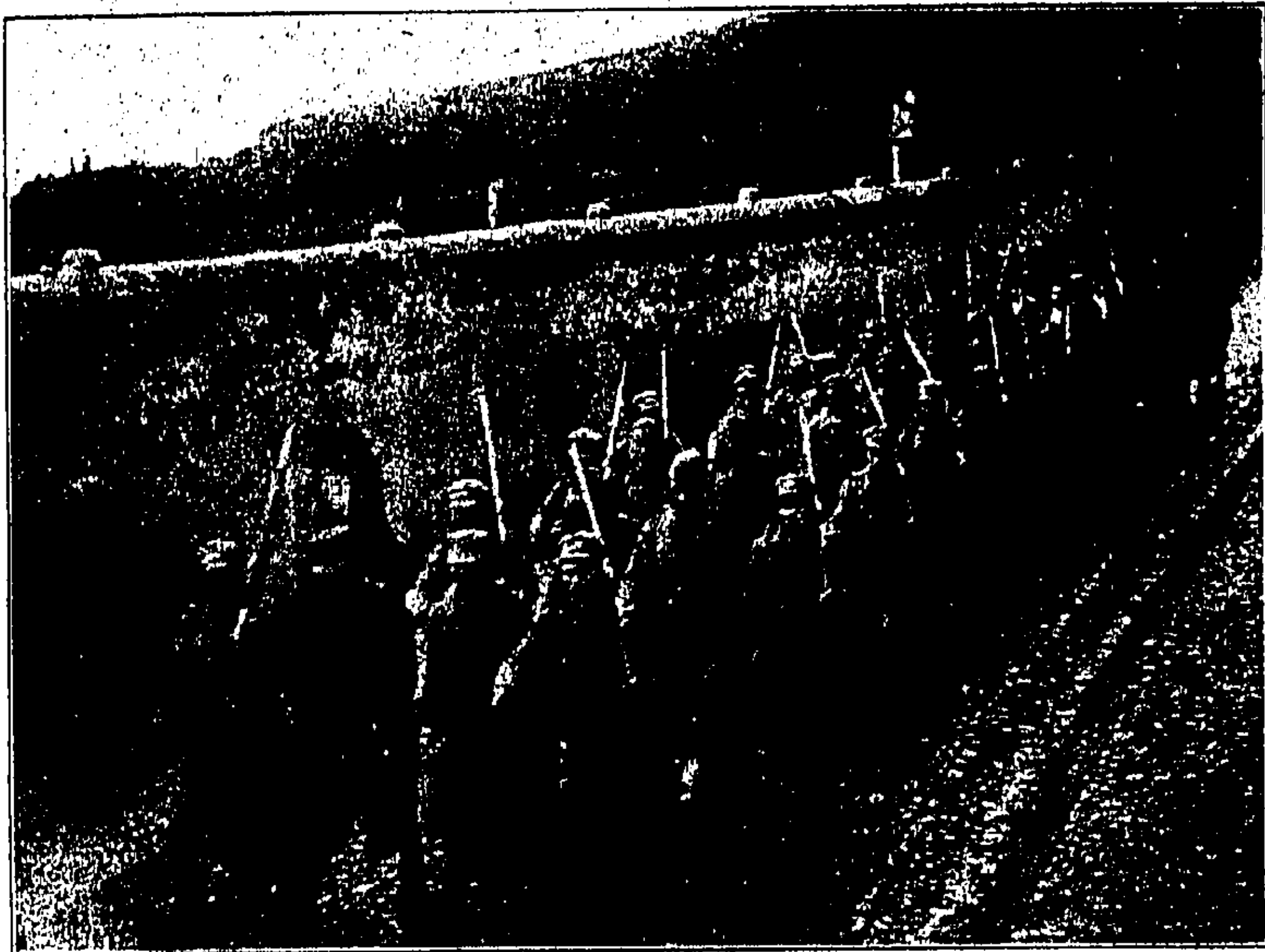
A "kiss-proof" lipstick has been perfected in Germany.

It is high time for Mr. Borah to roar again. He isn't getting his name in the paper to the extent that he did. Even the Washington correspondents are growing a little lax in their attentions. As an instance, there was a cable the other day in which Mr. Borah's name appeared only eighteen times.

TWO INTERESTING NEWS PICTURES



Despite his broken collar-bone, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales kept his promise to the Melton Mowbray farmers that he would attend their annual dinner. With him in the picture are seen H. R. H. the Duke of York and Mr. G. Abbott, the chairman.



Portuguese Government troops are here shown escorting prisoners to headquarters after the unsuccessful revolutionary movement in which about 200 soldiers and civilians camped on Almada Hill, opposite Lisbon, and fired on the capital.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

TO-DAY'S PARADE AND PRESENTATIONS.

A most interesting ceremony is due to take place on the Murray Parade Ground at 4.30 this afternoon, when His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will inspect the Hongkong Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and invest various officers and men with decorations they have earned.

The parade will be under the command of Mr. A. Morris, Corps Superintendent, and after His Excellency has carried out the inspection, and witnessed demonstrations he will make the following investitures:

Honorary Knight of Grace.—Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

Silver Medal.—E. Ralphs, Assistant Commissioner.

Bronze Medal.—D. Burlingham, Assistant Superintendent, Hongkong Police; H. T. Brooks, Superintendent, Hongkong Fire Brigade; J. Condon, Assistant, Hongkong Fire Brigade; G. A. Hyder, Lee Corporal, St. John Ambulance Brigade; and H. Bragg, Scout Master, B. P. Boy Scouts.

Bellios Medal.—Fan Lam, Hongkong Fire Brigade; Lau Kiu, Hongkong Fire Brigade; Chak Tai-kwong, Sergeant, St. John Ambulance Brigade; Szeto Chung, Sergeant, St. John Ambulance Brigade; and Leung Sui-sang, Sergeant, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

His Excellency will also present the following:

"Ralphs" Shield, (For General Efficiency, at Annual Competition), awarded to the "Y.M.C.A. Division."

"Lau Chu Pak" Duty Cup, (For best record of actual Ambulance duty performed during 1925), awarded to the "Indian Division."

"Holyoak" Attendance Cup—(For best attendance during 1925), awarded to the "Railway Division."

SCHNEIDER CUP.

BRITAIN WILL NOT ENTER.

London, March 23.—The Royal Aero Club has decided not to challenge for the Schneider Cup in 1926.

DISSATISFIED PARTNERS.

COURT APPROVES DISSOLUTION.

On the grounds that they were dissatisfied with the way the business had been conducted by the managing partner, and that there had been no distribution of profits since the Chinese New Year ending in February, 1921, three partners in the firm carrying on business as the Shing Chai Tong Tung Keeat 182, Queen's Road Central, sought dissolution of the partnership in the Supreme Court before Sir Henry Gollan this morning.

The defendants cited were Hui Chik-wa, the managing partner, and the Luk Tak Tong, but Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., who appeared for the plaintiffs, informed his Lordship that the only representative of the second defendants had died.

Mr. Potter also sought the furnishing of proper accounts by the defendant Hui Chik-wa on all partnership dealings and transactions since 1921, for payment of the amount due to the plaintiffs on taking of the account, and further, the appointment of Mr. J.H. Seth as receiver of the business.

Defendant was in person. Mr. Potter stated that the firm commenced business in 1905 with a capital of \$10,000, and dealt in medicines and drugs. The defence first put in was that alleging an illegal partnership, but this was struck out, and no further defence had been filed. Of the original four partners, only Tong Shek-wan, the first plaintiff, was still alive.

Since 1921, the defendant had rendered no account, and had made no payment of profits. The last balance sheet presented was in respect of the year 1920. Since then, the defendant had always tried to avoid rendering an account.

After hearing evidence, his Lordship granted all four applications in the statement of claim and made an order for payment of costs out of the estate.

NEW TRAMCAR.

SUCCESSFUL TRIAL RUN THIS MORNING.

The many improvements made in the latest type of tramcar of the Hongkong Tramway Company are the results of twenty-two years of steady progress, and the six new trams that will shortly be put on the road will no doubt be welcomed by the general public.

A trial trip of the first of the six was run this morning, when Mr. J. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Mr. V. Walker, and Press representatives were the passengers. After the run, the general opinion expressed was that the new model was a big success, and undoubtedly the most comfortable type of tram in the Colony.

A casual glance at the tram reveals nothing particularly striking, but closer examination shows improvements which result in much comfort for passengers. The wheel base has been extended and is fitted with a swing-axle device which relieves the car from side-shocks. Since the trams started running there has always been a big demand for third-class seats, and, bearing this in mind, there are on the new model no first-class seats downstairs. Consequently the whole of the lower portion is third-class and there are as a result an additional eight seats.

The floor is slightly wider, and there is ample room for passengers walking to or from the exit. The upper deck is completely enclosed, and new types of seats, fitted with shaped back rests supported on spring steel, have been installed, so that all ground shocks are considerably reduced. This deck has been lengthened and runs the whole length of the tram, so that the absence of first-class seats downstairs has been made up for in the additional length.

A wider, and less steep staircase, with an additional light, will make the ascent to the top deck much less of an aerobiotic feat. Lighting has been improved throughout, and two extra globes have been fitted in the upper saloons.

Tests were carried out to find out at what angle the tram would turn over, and the results showed a much bigger angle than in the trams now running. Undoubtedly this new model marks a definite forward step in

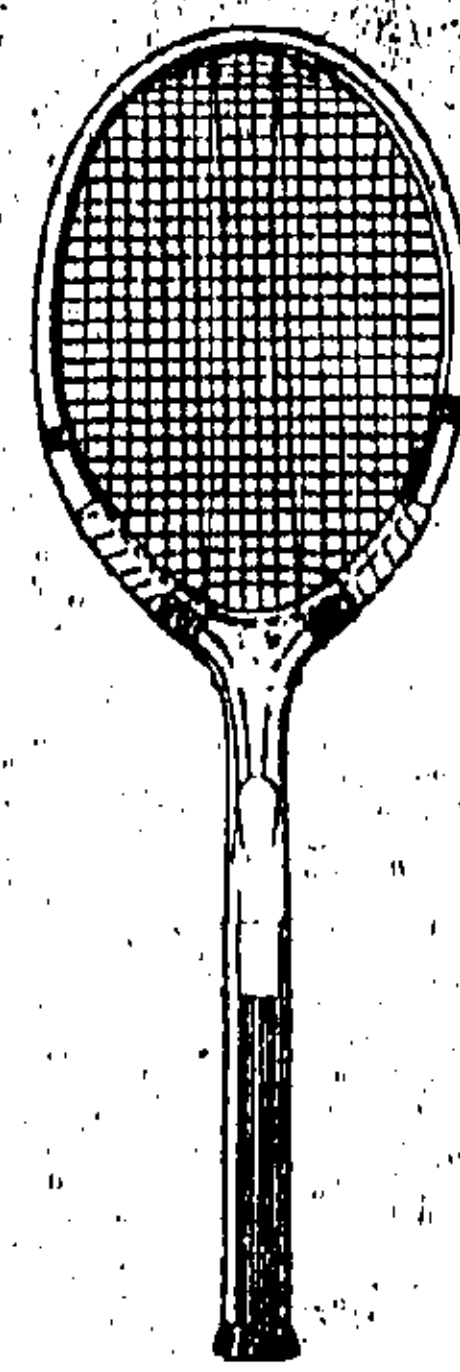
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SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS WITHIN CALL.

At noon, the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong today:

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Berlin, Feb. 6.—A large meeting of German Jews, called to combat the increase of suicide in Germany, entered into an anti-suicide pact. The meeting was called by seven lodges of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith, American Jewish fraternity, which has branches in various parts of the world.

local tramway traffic, and the Company is to be congratulated on producing a vehicle that merits the name of the "Rolls Royce" tram of the Colony.

NEW WAY TO FRANCE.

BY STEAMER FROM THAMES.

Paris.—The Nord Railway Company has decided to construct at Dunkirk a maritime passenger station, and to organise rapid services from Tilbury to Dunkirk, thence by rail to Switzerland.

Thus Dunkirk bids fair to take its place with Calais and Boulogne as a Channel port for passengers from England.

The distance across the open sea from the mouth of the Thames to the French coast would be less than the distance between New-haven and Dieppe, and by the arrangement for joining the boat at Tilbury passengers would avoid the train journey to the coast on English side.

An official of the London Midland Scottish Railway, to which the London-Tilbury line belongs, told a *Daily Chronicle* representative recently that they were aware of the Nord Company's proposal to run steamers between Tilbury and Dunkirk, but the plans were not sufficiently developed to enable them to discuss it.

"If the service materialises," he added, "the London Midland and Scottish Railway will probably come into it."

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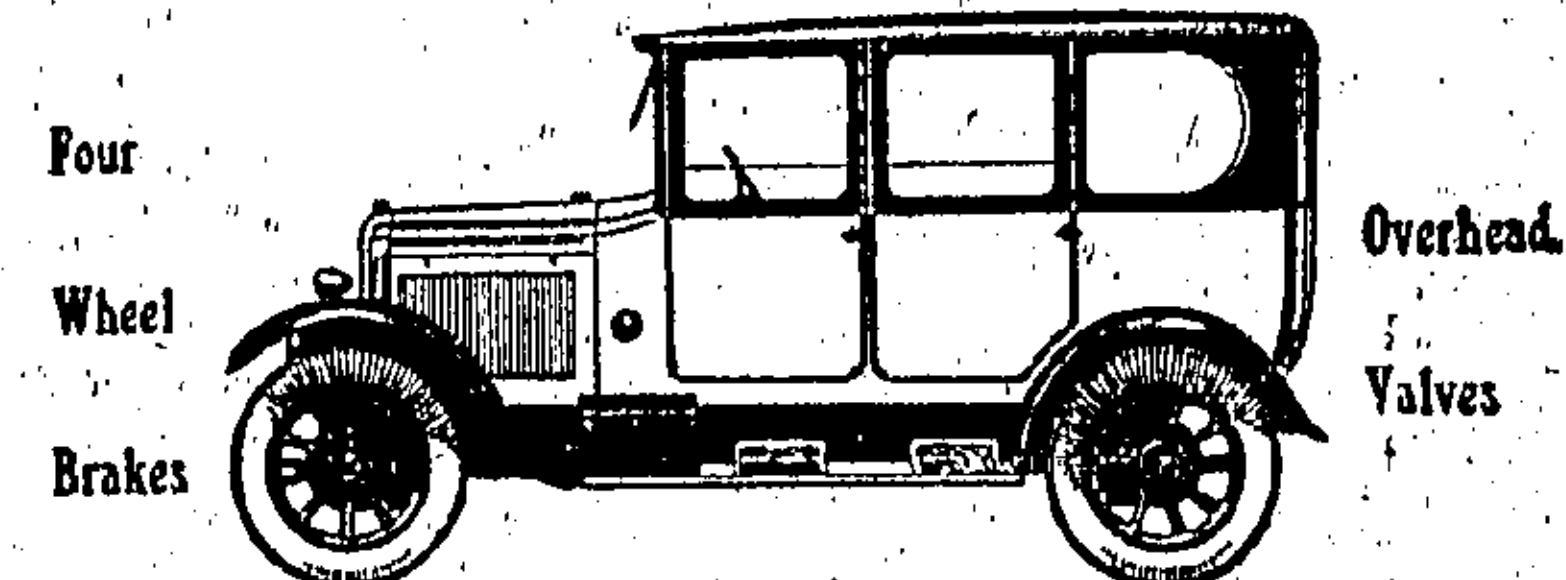
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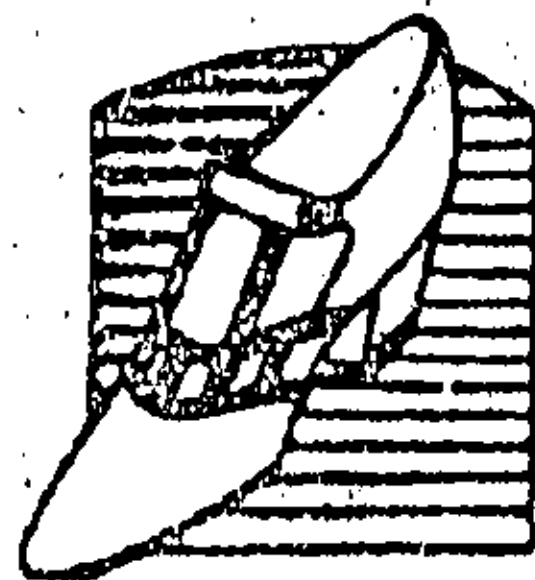
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MOTORING IN HONGKONG.

MEETING OF AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION.

TWO NEW PRIVILEGES.

An extension in the facilities
afforded to members of the Hong-
kong Automobile Association was
announced at the annual meeting
which was held in the Board Room
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Co., Ltd., yesterday.

The provision of a technical ex-
pert to assist members in their
problems was announced, and the
Chairman provided some interest-
ing statistics of the number of cars
transported across the harbour.

It was also stated that members
could consult the Association's
lawyers if they happened to be
summoned for a breach of the
regulations.

Special reference was made to
the practice of some owners of
staying in their cars while these
were being hoisted on and off the
lighter for crossing the harbour.

An interesting discussion fol-
lowed, and many suggestions were
made.

Chairman's Speech.

The chairman, Mr. D. G. M.
Bernard, referring to the accounts
said—I think you will agree with
me that they are very satisfactory
and the funds of the Association
are slowly but surely beginning to
reach a level at which more facili-
ties can be given to members, and
as the funds increase with addi-
tional members it is hoped to add
to these facilities.

During 1925 we increased our
membership by about 50, which is
not many in comparison to the
large increase in owners of cars
in this Colony. The registration
numbers reach over 2,000.

The old cry "What do we get by
joining the Association" is heard
still, but I think we shall shortly
be able to satisfy owners of cars
who aren't yet members that it is
to their interest to join the Asso-
ciation.

Your Committee have been at
pains to provide advantages to
members but have been somewhat
handicapped owing to want of sup-
port—and it is only recently that
the membership has grown to a
sufficiently large number to enable
the funds of the Association to
reach a figure upon which your
Committee can work advantage-
ously.

Technical Expert.

Arrangements have been com-
pleted for the services of an ex-
pert in motor matters to whom
members wishing to have advice or
assistance can go for consultation.
It is often you find your car is not
running well, or you have some
difficulty or trouble of which you
are unable, for lack of knowledge,
to ascertain the cause. You will
now be able to summon the assist-
ance of the Association's expert
and he will either put you right or
advise you what is required to be
done. This will, I imagine, be a
great boon to members, particu-
larly to the owner-driver.

Another arrangement your Com-
mittee has completed is one which
I trust it will be unnecessary for
any of you to make use of but if
you have to I venture to say it will
be found to be a useful one.

It occasionally happens you are
summoned or you wish to summon
another, for breach of a regulation,
or you get into some battle with
the law and you don't know what
to do. You may now go and con-
sult the Association's lawyers and
be guided by their advice. The
services of the above two facili-
ties are offered to members free
of charge except for the payment
in each case of the nominal sum
of \$1 as a recording fee.

Members will be further circu-
larized in connection with these
matters.

Harbour Transportation.

Members of the Association may
also obtain from certain insurance
companies here a rebate of 10%
on their insurance premium—not
a small concession in the case of
expensive cars.

The means for transporting cars
across the harbour is still unsatis-
factory and it appears likely that
we shall have to wait a consider-
able time before there is an
adequate ferry service. In the
meantime we much appreciate the
facilities afforded by the Star
Ferry Lighter Service. This com-
pany has recently added another
though smaller lighter to the ser-
vice during the busy times.

In the first 6 months of 1924,
the lighters transported 1,976 cars
across the harbour and in the cor-
responding period of 1925 2,314.
The figures for the second half of
those years are 2,090 and 1,976 cars
respectively—the decrease in the

latter part of last year was due to
the strike in the summer and the
closing of the Taiipo Bridge.
About 1/3rd of this traffic was
on Sundays. On the 15th Febru-
ary, the day of the Fanling Race
Meeting, 122 cars were conveyed
across the Harbour—67 from
Hongkong and 55 from Kowloon.

A Dangerous Practice.

There is frequently delay in
getting a car on board a lighter
on Sundays and holidays. This
cannot very well be avoided dur-
ing the rush hours but the Com-
pany are now endeavouring to
make arrangements by which
space can be definitely booked for
a certain time. This should be
a great convenience to the owner
driver.

My attention has been drawn to
the fact that some motorists in-
sist on remaining in their car
while it is being hoisted onto or
off the lighter. This is a most
dangerous practice and strictly
contrary to the notice which is
displayed on the lighter. I trust
that in future motorists will act
in accordance with the Company's
regulation, especially as the
lighter man is liable to be fined
by the Company for permitting a
breach of this regulation.

It is pleasing to note that the
importation into the Colony of
British Cars is largely on the in-
crease and the value for money
they give compares favourably
with cars of foreign make, while
their lasting qualities and superi-
or workmanship necessitates fewer
repair bills.

Parking Places.

Space for parking cars in the
city is getting scarce but the
method of parking now in force
is a great improvement. A cen-
tral garage, if only to be used for
the storage of cars is badly need-
ed and is a matter that this Asso-
ciation should aim at bringing
about as soon as funds will per-
mit.

Once again I have to record the
thanks of the Association for the
ready assistance given to us by the
Traffic Department of the Police
and by the Public Works Depart-
ment in matters which your Com-
mittee have from time to time
brought to their notice. We are
also much indebted to the Hong-
kong Telegraph for its weekly of-
ficial motor notes in which the
Association is able publicly to air
its complaints. It is surprising
how useful this has proved to be
in getting things done beneficial
to motorists generally.

Road Conditions.

On the whole the roads through-
out the Colony and New Territo-
ries have been kept in good order
during the past year but some of
these are now beginning to show
signs of wear and want of atten-
tion, particularly between Cause-
way Bay and Quarry Bay.

It is to be regretted that ex-
penditure upon roads has been al-
most entirely cut down, as whilst
appreciating the necessity for
economy, it is well known that un-
less roads are constantly kept in
good order it may prove to be an
expensive matter in the long run.

The reference to the interrup-
tion of the work near the Po Hing
Theatre for straightening Nathan
Road made at the first meeting
of the new committee of the Kow-
loon Residents' Association has
the entire sympathy of this Asso-
ciation. This is a most dangerous
corner and we fully endorse the
necessity of this work being com-
pleted as early as possible.

Another spot where attention is
desirable is on the road round the
Island, namely at the corner lead-
ing out of the Shek O road. This
corner is very dangerous and
should be cut off. A warning post
was put here at our request but
I do not think this is adequate.

Traffic Control.

Traffic control has improved, but
a little more consideration should
be given to cars driving up hill. To
stop a car on a steep up-incline
is dangerous and causes trouble
even to the experienced driver
whilst the inexperienced is often
in great difficulty.

I feel I cannot close my remarks
without paying a tribute to our
Honorary Secretary, Mr. Hodgson.
Mr. Hodgson is a keen motorist
and anxious to do all he can in the
interests of motorists and mem-
bers of this Association.

The benefits to be derived from
joining this Association, which I
have just referred to, were initi-
ated and carried through entirely
by Mr. Hodgson and we owe him
a debt of gratitude for his work
on our behalf.

In the discussion which follow-
ed Mr. Owen Hughes referred to
the extension of the Association's

facilities, and said they would
help considerably to increase the
membership. He thought the im-
portance of an adequate ferry
service should be brought to the
notice of the Government. It was
not only necessary to have an
adequate service for ordinary
motor cars, but it was to the ad-
vantage of the general trade of
the Colony that trucks and lor-
ries could go across to and from
the godowns on either side.

He paid a warm tribute to the
efficiency of the traffic control of-
ficers, and said he had found them
courteous at all times.

Stranded Motorists.

Mr. D. M. Goodall related the
experience of a friend who, two or
three weeks ago, was motoring in
Quarry Bay district. He had
trouble with his car, and telephoned
to several garages in town, and
when he got through each time he
was met with a string of Chinese
words. At last the motorist tele-
phoned to the speaker, and there
was nothing for him to do but to
get out his car and to tow the
other in. He thought it was scan-
dalous that in a place like Hong-
kong motorists could not get as-
sistance either in the daytime or
at night.

He suggested that arrangements
be made whereby motorists should
be able to get help from garages.
Mr. Goodall said that he had men-
tioned this matter to another mem-
ber, who told him he had had a
similar experience and that it was
four hours before he could get
help.

In this particular case the
motorist stopped several other
cars, and asked them to notify
someone of his predicament when
they got to Kowloon. Probably
the motorists did so, but no one
came out to the man's assistance.
Eventually another motorist came
along and towed the other in.

Parking Matters.

Mr. Goodall said he hoped that
something would be done with re-
gard to parking arrangements.
Two of the most important parking
places were occupied by taxis.
One half of Chater Road was al-
ready monopolised by cars from
the garage, and he supposed that
when the new taxi cab company
was formed their cars would oc-
cupy the other side. One began
to wonder where the private owner
was going to park his car. It was
really almost impossible for a car
to be parked in town now.

Mr. A. Murdoch suggested that
the parking arrangements in Ped-
der street should be on the diag-
onal system. This would obviate
the present congestion, and facili-
tate easy entrance and exit.

An Unpleasant Spot.

Mr. G. Allison drew attention
to the state of the road at the ap-
proach to Blake Pier. Taxis were
now using that part of the road as
a parking ground. He recalled an
incident where a lady fell down
in the road, and completely ruined
her dress owing to the dirty state
of the road. It would be a particu-
larly unpleasant spot in the hot
weather.

The chairman, commenting on
the valuable suggestions which
had been made, said that where
the committee could not take ac-
tion, the matter would be placed
before the police.

The question of garage service
was extremely important, and he
recalled an incident when he ran
out of petrol, and sending his
chauffeur over half a mile to the
garage, found that he could not be
supplied because the chauffeur
had no written notice from him.

The officials for the ensuing
year were elected as follows.—
President, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard;
Vice-President, Mr. Ho Leung;
Secretary, Mr. Paul Hodgson;
Treasurer, Messrs. Linstead and
Davis; Committee, Mr. C. D. Lam-
bert, Mr. J. Arnold, Mr. F. Meade,
Professor C. A. Middleton Smith,
Mr. G. H. Wilson, Mr. C. P. Mar-
cell, Mr. J. W. E. MacKenzie and
Mr. A. Stephenson.

POLAR FLIGHT.

FURTHER DELAY
ANNOUNCED.

Fairbank, March 23.
According to present indications,
the Wilkins Polar expedition will
be delayed three weeks, pending
repairs to the aeroplanes. Wil-
kins states that one machine will
be ready in a few days, but repairs
to the second are held up until
new parts arrive from the United
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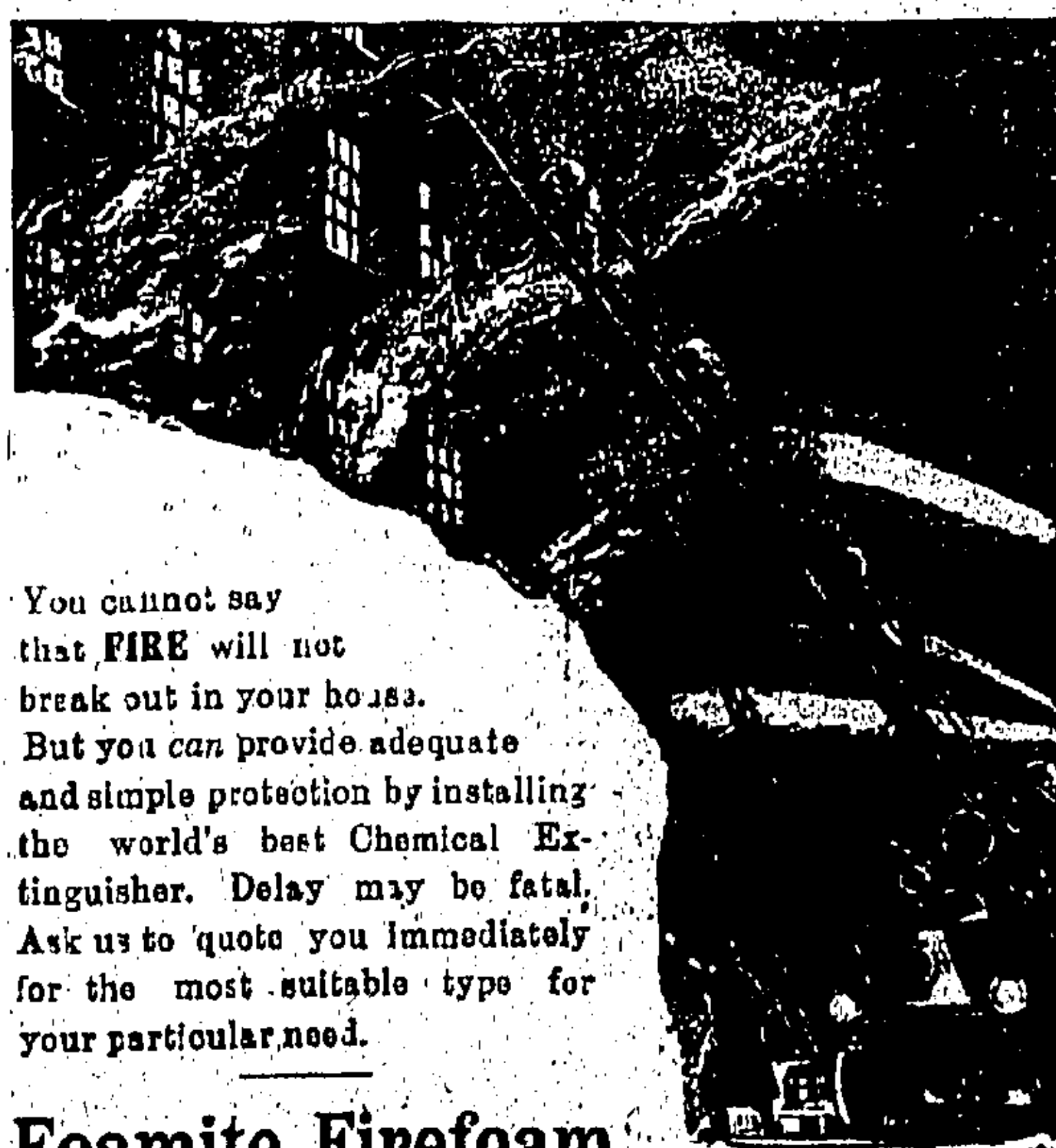
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HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, March 23.
The following are results of football matches in the English League played to-day:
Third Division (North).—Rochdale 2, Nelson 0.
Scottish League.—St. Mirren 3, Rangers 2.—*Reuter.*

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THIS YEAR'S INTERPORT EVENT.

The annual Interport match will be shot off between April 15th and May 31st. The match is open to teams from Shanghai, Hongkong, Penang and Singapore, picked from residents who have resided in the port for at least six months. Members of any Army or Navy stationed in the port are eligible to shoot. The conditions for the shoot will be the same as for the King's 1st Stage of the previous year (i.e., National Rifle Association). Last year Shanghai took first place with Hongkong second and Singapore a good last.

GOLF.

EWO v. WAYFOONG.

Easy Win for the Bank.

An interesting golf match between Ewo and Wayfoong took place at Fanling on Sunday, the Bank winning by 15½ to 7½. Teams were twelve a side, one point being awarded for singles and ¼ for the bye of three or more holes, and two points for four balls and half point for the bye. Individual results were as follows:

Singles.		Wayfoong.	
Ewo.	—	Moncrieff	1
Macdonnell	—	Coxon	1
Coxon	—	Dalgely	1
Corraby	—	Piercy	1
Piercy	—	Walker	1
Simon	—	Towns	1
Butchart	—	Green	1
Shaw	—	Cookes	1
Mason	—	Doyle	1
Sutherland	—	Barlow	1
Stevenson	—	Grayburn	1
Gordon	—	Peat	1
Murdoch	—	Morrison	1

Foursomes.		Wayfoong.	
Ewo.	—	Macdonnell & Coxon	2
Macdonnell & Coxon	—	Corraby & Piercy	2
Corraby & Piercy	—	Simon & Butchart	2
Simon & Butchart	—	Shaw & Mason	2
Shaw & Mason	—	Sutherland & Stevenson	2
Sutherland & Stevenson	—	Gordon & Murdoch	2
Gordon & Murdoch	—		

Total	24		
Singles	56		
Wayfoong.	74		
Moncrieff & Clerk	2		
Dalgely & Walker	2		
Towns & Green	2		
Cookes & Doyle	2		
Barlow & Grayburn	2		
Peat & Morrison	2		
Total	3		
Singles	74		
	154		

THE BOAT RACE.

CAMBRIDGE MAN GETS MEASLES.

London, March 23.
J. Booth, Cambridge's No. 4 in the boat-race, was to-day found to be suffering from measles. His place is to be taken by the spare man, T. Craggs, who stroked the Lady Margaret crew in 1925, when they won the Ladies' Plate at Henley.—*Reuter.*

RUBBER SHARES.

SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have been notified by cable from Shanghai of the following final dividends:
Bates.—15 cents, making 25 cents for the year.
Dominions.—40 cents, making 83 cents for the year.
Taipings.—10 cents, making 20 cents for the year.
Repairs.—Final dividend of 10 cents, making 25 cents for the year.

Brussels.—The international balloons race for the second Gordon Bennett Trophy will start from Wiloyok Plain, near Antwerp, on May 30. The date and site for the race were decided upon by the Belgian Aero Club and the Antwerp Aero Club.

LEAGUE DEBATE.

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had no ground for a charge of bad faith against anybody else. The fact of the matter was, that Germany was not thinking of this particular point. She put forward only the conditions which seemed to her important and when the Powers had answered accepting the proposal for a permanent seat and had rejected all conditions they believed that no other conditions were in the German mind. Consequently, there was a misunderstanding and there was very nearly a quarrel for want of understanding. The subject of the conditions under which Germany would enter the League was raised during a debate at Locarno. Never once was it suggested or hinted that Germany attached any importance at that moment to her entry being accompanied by that of another Power. They all regretted what had occurred. He blamed no one.

Sir Austen Chamberlain then told the House what his instructions were. "Subject to my discretion of making the best arrangement I could in accordance with the development of the situation, our policy should be based upon the following principles: No change in the Council can be admitted which would have the effect of preventing or delaying the entry of Germany; it would be best that Germany should, as a Member of the Council have full responsibility for any further change in the Council beyond her own admission; The rule that only Great Powers should be permanent members of the Council should, in principle, be maintained; Spain is in a special position and may require exceptional treatment; Neither Poland nor Brazil should be made permanent members at present but Poland should be given a non-permanent seat as soon as possible."

He fully concurred with those instructions, and his first act when he got to Geneva was to convene the Locarno Powers for a discussion. The conversations among the Locarno Powers were reported to the Council and it was out of this Council discussion that there arose spontaneously Sweden's offer to resign her seat in order to get over the difficulty. There was no pressure put by anyone on Sweden to take that course. There had been suggestions from the side of the Locarno Powers that one of them might resign in order to make room for Poland but it was not from them that the suggestion that Sweden should retire did come nor would they ever have made such a proposition to Sweden. "I confess I did not anticipate that when all the others were agreed, Brazil, far removed from the dangers we were seeking to avert from Europe, would step in on behalf of a claim individual to herself to prevent the consummation of the universal desire."—*British Wireless.*

[A special message from Rugby dealing with the rest of Sir Austen's speech and the conclusion of the debate was not received owing to bad atmospheric conditions.]

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

THE LOCARNO POWERS BLAMED.

London, March 23.
Sir Austen Chamberlain who wore a stern expression on entering a crowded and expectant House of Commons did not relax even in response to Ministerial cheers. Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who opened the attack on Sir Austen Chamberlain's conduct at Geneva, were the first front-benchers to arrive. Mr. Lloyd George initiated the debate by moving a resolution in the Foreign Office vote "to call attention to the proceedings at Geneva and the action of the British representative there." Mr. Lloyd George regretted that Sir Austen Chamberlain had not seen fit to take the floor first as he did after Locarno and explain how Locarno was checked at Geneva. He declared that the Locarno powers were responsible for the Geneva failure and the peace of the world hung on the action which the House of Commons took and directed the Government to take in the future. The events of Geneva had undoubtedly antagonised the United States to the League, and Sweden, who took the right and courageous course at Geneva, represented public opinion and also Britain. Yet the Swedish delegate, M. Unden, had been treated as a stubborn and irreconcilable pro-German, though he had done more to save the League than any one man.

Mr. Lloyd George said they

were entitled to ask whether Sir Austen Chamberlain knew beforehand that France and Poland intended to insist on the simultaneous entry of Poland to the Council with Germany. In the course of references to the United States, Mr. Lloyd George's mention of Senator Borah was received with some laughter by Ministerialists, at which Mr. Lloyd George asked what was the good of scoffing at one of the ablest and most influential men in America? Mr. Lloyd George added that instead of using their influence to secure the admission of Germany alone the Locarno Powers had intrigued and even threatened in order to get somebody else in.

THREAT TO RESIGN.

During the course of his reply, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that if the vote of the House was adverse he would resign. Mr. Lloyd George had professed to come to the House as an open-minded and distressed enquirer but he did not even wait for his (Sir Austen's) arrival from Geneva before he telegraphed to the American press his condemnation of his (Sir Austen's) actions and suspicion of his honour.—(Ministerialist cheers). It was strange that a charge of disloyalty to Germany should have been made against him by a compatriot and not by the Germans themselves. As regards the feeling in America, Mr. Lloyd George had done his share by articles to the newspapers insinuating what he dared not say in the House.—(Ministerialist cheers). Why did Mr. Lloyd George not quote Dr. Strassmann, whom Sir Austen would leave to judge between himself and Mr. Lloyd George as to whether he had ever acted with lack of candour or loyalty towards the Germans.

Later in his speech, Sir Austen said that unless in the future the nations who were members of the League, especially members of the Council, were prepared to attain their ends without making a positive public stand, the League could not do its work and its whole purpose would be destroyed. Sir Austen Chamberlain explained that he informed all parties concerned before the discussions at Geneva of the exact attitude of the British Government. For example, he told the Spanish Ambassador that if the candidature of Spain would impede the entry of Germany he would vote against Spain. He concluded claiming that the Locarno record had withstood the great strain at Geneva and that the spirit of Locarno persisted and inspired the policy of the seven nations who signed the Treaty. The influence of Britain stood higher than at any time since the war.—(Labour protests and Ministerialist cheers). While he had been the spokesman of his country in foreign relations, nobody with whom he had dealt in that capacity had questioned the honesty of our policy or doubted our good faith or our word.—(Loud Ministerialist cheers).

OTHER SPEECHES.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald declared that Sir Austen Chamberlain's attitude had resulted in the most lamentable failure of British diplomacy for many years. Britain had got mixed up with diplomacy which was hostile to the League and had left the League in confusion and sadness, while cynicism was abroad in Europe such as was not known since the war.

Lord Hugh Cecil saw nothing in the events at Geneva which were harmful to peace, and declared that Sir Austen Chamberlain had answered his critics with manly and convincing candour.

THE LAST CHANCE.

Mr. J. H. Thomas said the Opposition were suspicious that Britain had been committed in advance. They joined issue with the Government on the ground of the serious blow struck to the League's prestige. He declared that if the League failed, the workers would forge another instrument to take its place—an instrument that would bring about international peace. He added that Sir Austen Chamberlain had had one chance and missed it. The House of Commons tried to give him another but he did not take it. They refused to give him a third.

PREMIER'S CONFIDENCE.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, replying to the debate, said that the new Commission would confront the new situation free of all engagements of any kind to consider the future composition of the Council, and Germany had been invited to take a seat on equal terms with equal rights of speech and voting on the Commission. Mr. Stanley Baldwin expressed the Cabinet's confidence in Sir Austen Chamberlain, who had come through

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difficult and trying times having done his best in the circumstances. Sir Austen Chamberlain in a few months would bring to fruition the efforts in which he had so long engaged.—(Loud Ministerialist cheers).

MOTION REJECTED.

The House rejected Mr. Lloyd George's motion by 325 votes to 136.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

London, March 24.
Commenting on Sir Austen Chamberlain's vindication, the *Daily Telegraph* declares that there is no longer any excuse for grossly partisan attacks on Sir Austen and the Government. The difficulties which had arisen at Geneva were inherent not only because of the constitution of the League but because of the stubborn facts of the international situation.

The *Morning Post* says that the only danger to peace in Europe at present is the League. Without it she would have been able to settle her differences. This wonderful invention, it adds, was foisted upon Europe by one American nation, and it was now brought to a standstill by another.

The *Daily Graphic* opines that the cardinal fault at Geneva was that the Locarno Powers tried to rule the League with methods of old diplomacy. The danger of war which remains arises out of that temper, which regards the League as a large scale Foreign Office.—*Reuter.*

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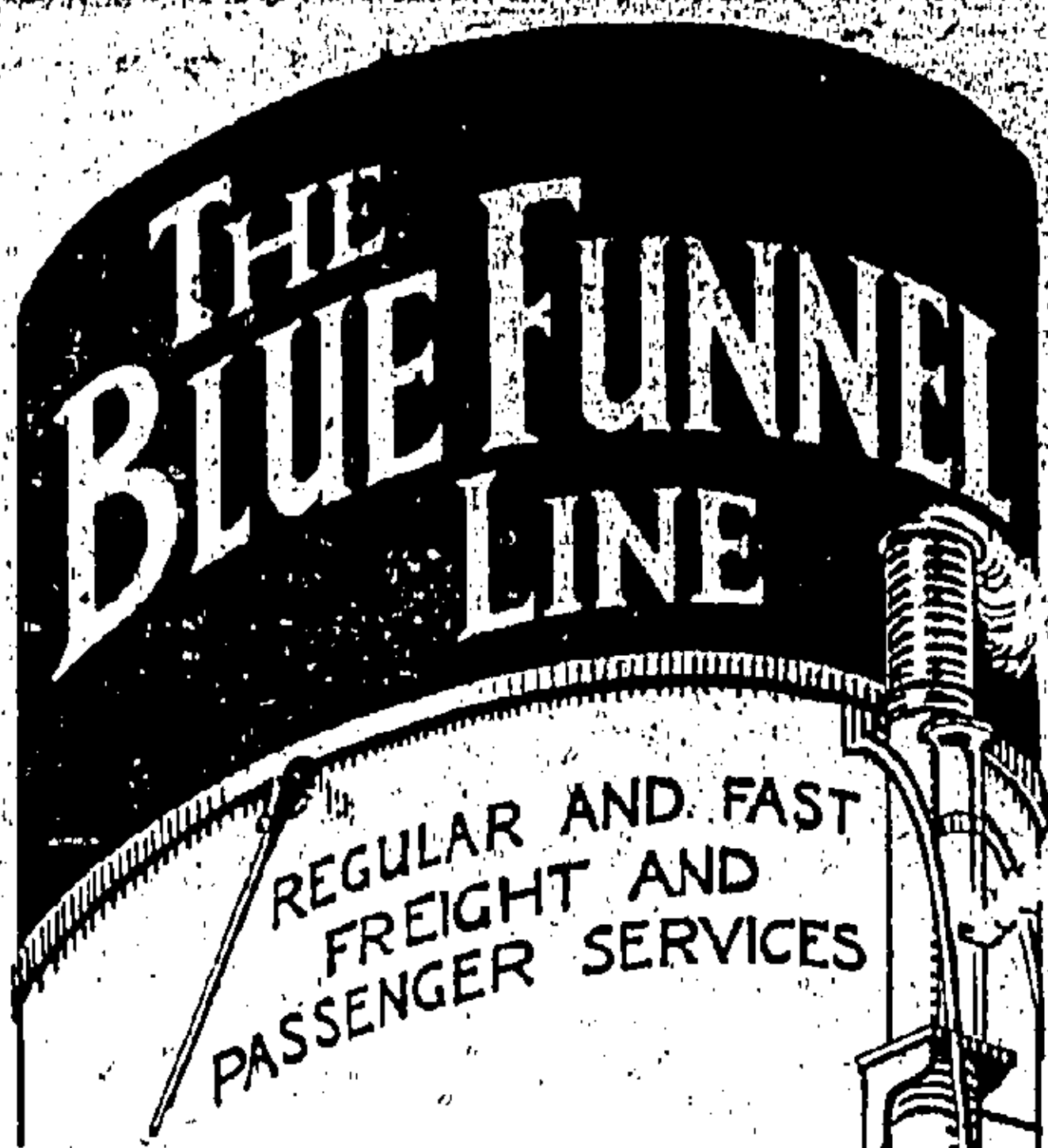
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EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Jun. 11	Jun. 14	Jun. 16	Jun. 19	Jun. 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jun. 24	Jun. 27	Jun. 30	Jul. 3	Jul. 12
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jul. 9	Jul. 12	Jul. 14	Jul. 17	Jul. 26
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Jul. 22	Jul. 25	Jul. 28	Jul. 31	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 25
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 8	Sept. 11	Sept. 20
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 16	Sept. 19	Sept. 22	Sept. 25	Oct. 4

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TREATY QUESTIONS.

A FOREIGN MINISTER'S
PILGRIMAGE.

Balkans Pact Likely.

London, March 23.
The Jugo-Slav Foreign Minister, M. Ninichitch, recently had a busy pilgrimage to a number of European capitals. He has left Paris after what the newspapers term "most interesting conversations." M. Ninichitch previously negotiated with the Italians at Rome and at Geneva, where, according to the French newspapers, the Italians sought a bilateral treaty supplementing the existing Italo-Jugo-Slav pact of friendship, but Ninichitch desired the inclusion of France therein. He is taking back an offer of M. Briand for a treaty of friendship designed to be collateral with any agreement subsequently concluded between Belgrade and Rome, and if adopted the place of France will be the same in relationship to Jugo-Slavia as with Czechoslovakia, with an obligation of mutual assistance.

The fact that M. Ninichitch has other ironies in the fire is disclosed in a Belgrade message, which says he had an interview with the Greek Foreign Minister, M. Roupfos, homeward bound from Geneva. It is said the views he and M. Ninichitch interchanged have been so satisfactory that it is expected to see a complete agreement reached between the States.

It is added that though at present it is premature to talk in concrete terms of a Balkan pact, there is a conviction that all outstanding questions between the States would be settled.—*Reuter.*

SANITARY BOARD.

GOVERNMENT AND THE
WATER EXAMINATION.

Increase of Analysts' Staff.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided at a meeting of the Sanitary Board held in the Post Office building yesterday afternoon. Members present were Dr. W. W. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. W. T'so, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Dr. R. A. D. Forrest (secretary). Dr. A. G. M. Severn was also present.

The Secretary read a letter from the Government relative to the question of more frequent examination of the potable waters of the Colony in which the Government stated that the question of increasing the Bacteriological staff was receiving favourable consideration. Dr. Koch, expressed his gratification and thanked those who had supported him at an earlier meeting when a resolution regarding the more frequent examination was passed. He added that he felt the water could still be examined more frequently if certain of the duties of the Bacteriologist were taken from him and placed upon some other member of the medical staff. It was important that the water should be examined often, especially at this time of the year, the beginning of the rainy season.

On the motion of Mr. C. G. Alabaster, seconded by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin the report of the committee appointed to consider the estimates for 1927 was adopted.

U. S. PROHIBITION.

New York, March 23.

The result of "straw" votes conducted by two separate groups of newspapers gave big "wet" majorities. They roughly resulted—for prohibition, half a million; for repeal, one and a half millions; for light wines and beer, two millions. All the big cities are overwhelmingly wet.—*Reuter's American Service.*

and apparently striking the other man.

The man was trying to ward off the blows, and when prisoner saw he was detected, he ran out of the house, and was arrested some days later in Aberdeen.

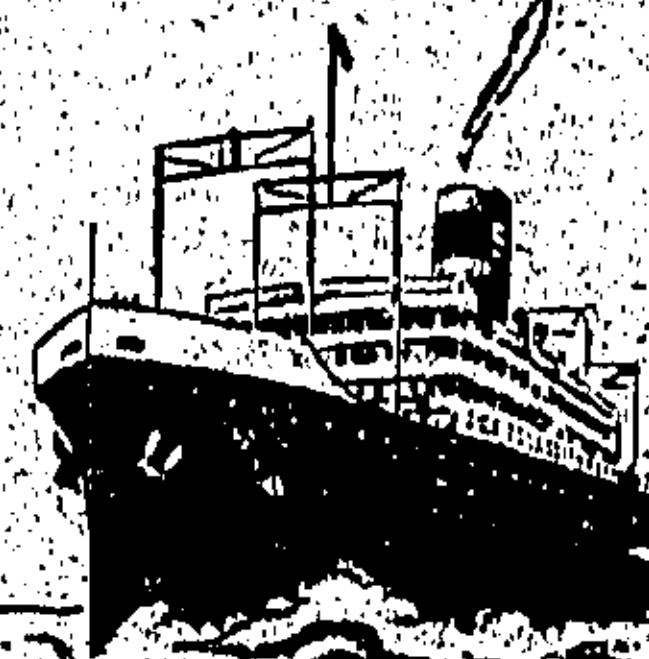
Medical evidence showed that the man had several cuts, two of which were serious, and died from hemorrhage and syncope.

It was also stated that the body of the man was found in a lane near the house, and had apparently been moved by other occupants of the house who had become afraid.

The case was adjourned.

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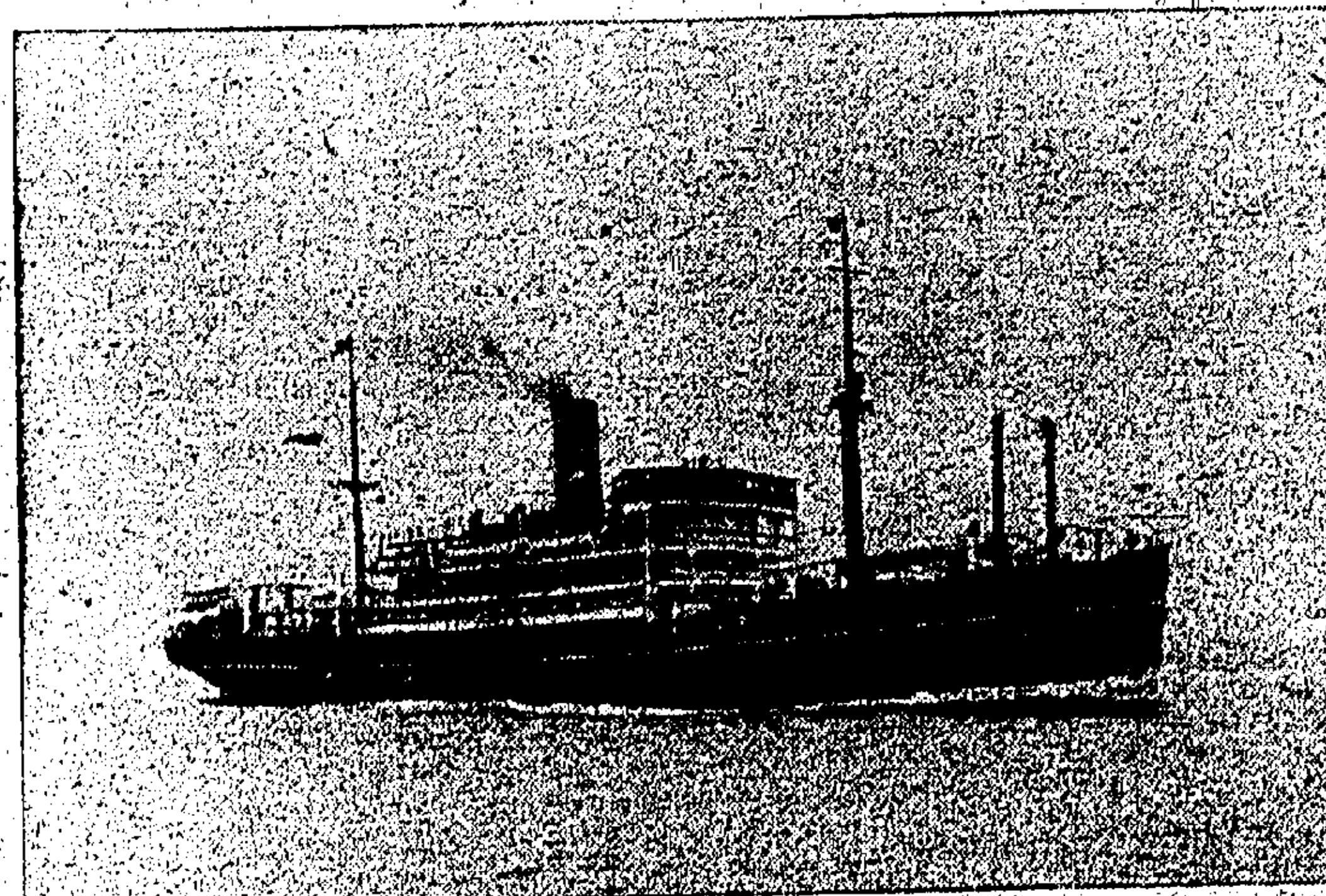
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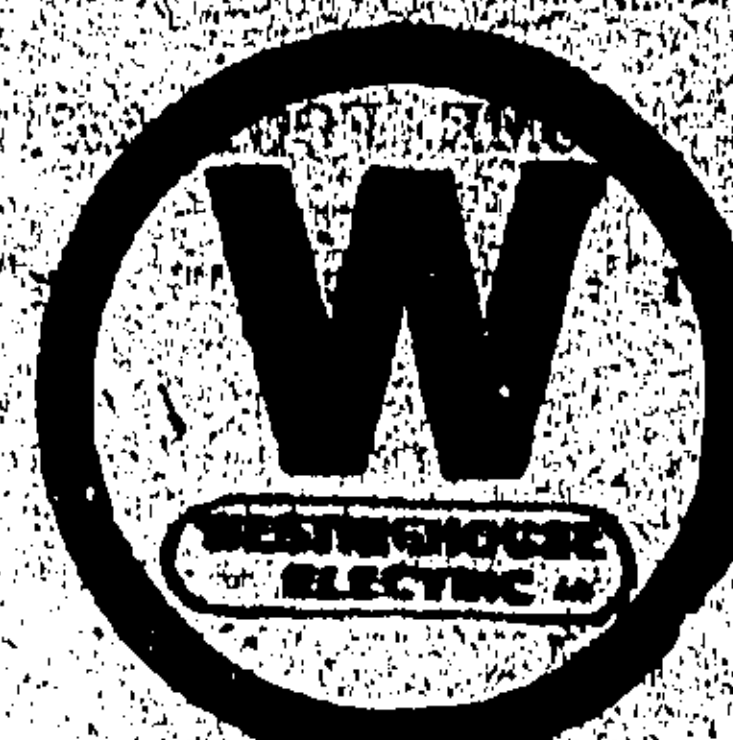
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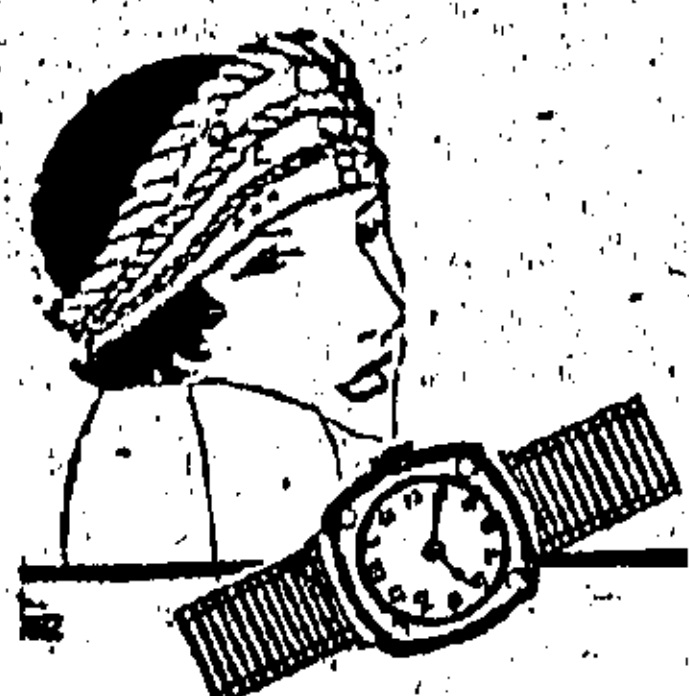
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U. S. AND WORLD COURT.

**AMERICA NOT SENDING
TO GENEVA.**

Washington, March 23.
President Coolidge doubts the
necessity of sending a representa-
tive to the World Court meeting at
Geneva to explain the Senate's re-
servations regarding America's ad-
herence to the World Court, as the
reservations speak for themselves.
—Reuter's American Service.

DISARMAMENT PARLEY.

**AMERICA CHOOSES HER
REPRESENTATIVE.**

New York, March 23.
President Coolidge has selected
Mr. Hugh Gibson, the American
Minister at Berne, to head the
American delegation to the Pre-
liminary Disarmament Conference
at Geneva. —Reuter's American
Service.

CORRESPONDENCE.

IS PATRIOTISM DYING OUT?

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—In these times of material-
ism, discontent and pleasure-seek-
ing by people throughout the wide
world over, it is well to remember
that:

"Not wealth, but only man can
make,
A nation great, brave and
strong."

Men and women who, for
patriotism and honour's sake,
Stand temptations, tribulations
and suffer long."

Now when we speak of Hong-
kong, which is a British Colony,
we should expect patriotism not
only from every British-born citi-
zen, but also from every British
subject, irrespective of race or
 creed. The good old custom of
standing at attention with head
uncovered during the playing of
the National anthem, "God Save
the King," is dying out in Hong-
kong. If any patriot doubts the
writer, he has but to go to a cinema
show in Hongkong and notice
how the majority of the audience
behave during the "God Save the
King" at the end of each show.

In conclusion, the writer would
like to urge all patriots, no mat-
ter whether they are Monarchists
or Republicans, to read the immor-
tal lines of Sir Walter Scott's "Lay
of the Last Minstrel"—Yours, etc.,
J. P. VIEIRA REMEDIOS.
Hongkong, March 22, 1926.

SHIPPING AGENCY POINT.

**SUMMARY COURT
DECISION.**

His Honour Mr. Justice Wood
yesterday morning, delivered judg-
ment in the case in which Mr.
A. P. Moller of Copenhagen was
the plaintiff and Messrs. Thor-
sen and Co. of Hongkong the
defendants. The case concerned
the agency of the ship Sally
Mearns in Swatow and Amoy.

His Honour held that the
evidence called by the defendants
as to usage in regard to the col-
lection of freight and "charging"
of commission thereon had fallen
short of establishing the definite
practice of giving and receiving
commission for freight collected
in the absence of any stipulation
in the contract.

The common practice, un-
doubtedly, had been shown to
exist, of charging and receiving a
commission on freight collected
by the agent, but this practice
was not universal. Mr. Goggin,
a shipping agent who had given
evidence of usage, had said that
it was inconceivable that plain-
tiffs should have understood that
the fee mentioned in their cable
contract included the duty of
freight collection, but this seemed
to His Honour to fall short of
establishing a definite practice so
prevalent in this business that it
might be referred to as governing
the construction of this particular
contract.

His Honour thus held that
Thorsen and Company were not
entitled under the cable contract
to remuneration additional to the
sum named in that cable, and
accordingly gave judgment in
favour of A. P. Moller, with costs.

"DARK SPOTS." MINDORO JUNGLES TO BE EXPLORED.

AIRIAL DASH.

A dash across the unexplored
mountains and jungle that lie
in the heart of Mindoro, one of
three "dark spots" in the Philip-
pine Islands, will be made next
month by an expedition organized
by Captain A. I. Eagle of the
Army Air Service with the assist-
ance of the officials of the Bu-
reau of Lands and other Govern-
ment authorities interested in the
venture, says the Manila Bulletin.
Later two similar expeditions will
be made up to explore the un-
mapped areas in the north of
Luzon and in parts of Mindanao.
Governor General Wood has given
the party his full endorsement.

The Mindoro party, which will
consist of five or six experts and
a Constabulary guard of ten men
probably headed by Colonel Sweet,
is to leave Manila by plane about
April 1 for San Jose, which will
be the base of the expedition be-
fore it starts to fight its way
north through the interior. The
making of economic, ethnological
and geographical surveys will be
the chief purposes of the drive
across the island.

MODERN APPLIANCES.
Airplanes will be used to assist
the party in replenishing its sup-
plies en route wherever practica-
ble and a wireless outfit will be
included in the equipment to keep
in touch with the outside world.
A motion picture camera will re-
cord the progress of the party in
every detail.

The leaders of the expedition
have only the vaguest reports to
indicate what may be found in the
interior of Mindoro. The name of
the island is derived from the
Spanish Mina de Oro, because of
the gold mines which once flour-
ished in the northern part of
the island. It is thought possible
that other mineral deposits may
be discovered in the mountains
which have never been prospected.
Captain Eagle, the leader of the
party, is to serve as the mineralo-
gist.

PARTY'S OBJECTIVES.
The value of Mindoro, which is
the fourth largest island of the
archipelago, as a source of lum-
ber is also to be determined by
the expedition, one of the other
members being an expert in for-
estry. The altitudes of moun-
tains and the courses of streams
will be recorded with thorough-
ness. The legendary "white in-
dians" of Mindoro, who are re-
puted to be descendants of a colony
of Spanish who intermarried with
the native Mangyan, are another
objective of the expedition. In-
vestigation along other lines may
bring to light data which will elu-
cidate obscure points in the his-
tory of the Philippines.

Nearly a month will be con-
sumed in the exploration and
only once during that time will
the party touch a settlement on
the coast. When the explorers
come out at the northern end of
the island, a boat will be dispat-
ched from Batangas to meet them.

BRITISH DYESTUFFS.

**COST OF GOVERNMENT'S
CONTROL.**

London, March 23.
In the Chancery Division, Mr.
Justice Eve granted a petition by
the British Dyestuffs Corporation
for a reduction of capital by
£4,421,000, of which £2,341,000 was
written off as lost, while £1,580,000
will be returned in cash to certain
shareholders. The Government
will receive £600,000 in return for
shares valued at £1,700,000 which
they are surrendering. The Gov-
ernment will also relinquish all
rights to control the Company.

His Lordship observed that this
control had cost the country
£1,100,000. —Reuter.

LABOUR ALLIANCE.

ENGINEERS IN FAVOUR.

London, March 23.
A ballot of the Amalgamated
Engineering Union has resulted in
70,595 votes for and 31,425 votes
against joining the proposed new
Industrial Alliance of miners, rail-
waymen and transport workers.
The National Union of Railwaymen
had previously decided not to join.
—Reuter.

POWELL'S RE-ORGANISED.

**NEW WINDOWS AND
DEPARTMENTS.**

The well-known store of Messrs.
Wm. Powell—a shopping rendez-
vous which has for many years
found great favour with the Co-
lony's fair sex—has just undergone
a complete re-arrangement that
will assuredly make it more than
ever attractive.

Following on the disastrous fire
at the Hongkong Hotel and the
consequent hurried housing of the
men's department in the main store
on Des Voeux Road, opportunity
has been taken of carrying out
long-contemplated improvements,
and the result is one on which the
firm can be congratulated.

In the first place, the entrance
(formerly a single doorway in the
middle of two large windows) has
been re-modelled, giving two en-
trances and three big display win-
dows. One entrance (with its
window complement) gives direct
access to an enlarged men's depart-
ment in which the outfitting and
tailoring have been combined,
greatly to the convenience and at-
traction of the men folk. The
other entrance (with its window
complement) leads to the various
departments of the store, all of
which have been newly arranged
with a view to better facilities and
cohesion. The centre window, be-
tween the two entrances, gives
extra display room and is directly
in front of a new trunk and trav-
elling goods department. But it
is in the interior re-arrangement
of the whole store where the
management have planned to such
splendid advantage, what was the
centre aisle of the old arrange-
ment now being an attractive cos-
tume department and showroom,
with the ladies' shoe department
and two entirely new fitting rooms
in close proximity. Millinery is
also in attractive new quarters,
whilst the back portion of the store
has been retained for furnishings,
etc. The men's department, with
its tailoring combined, having a
separate entrance gives that neces-
sary sense of security and comfort
which the average man desires.

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ments and new goods selected by
new London buyers having special-
ly experienced men and women buy-
ing for the different departments,
shoppers may be sure of always
finding the very latest styles and
novelties in surroundings that
make shopping a real pleasure.

BACK FROM MEXICO.

**DEFENDANT'S
CONTRADICTORY STORIES.**

Three different stories, all con-
tradicting each other, were given
by a returned emigrant from
Mexico to the Magistrate this
morning in an attempted explana-
tion for the presence of a dagger
in his trunk. The first was that
he was ignorant of the
local law, the second that the
trunk with its contents was en-
trusted to him by a friend and
that he unwittingly accepted the
custody of the box. Almost in
the same breath, defendant said
that the weapon, wrapped up and
hidden in between folds of
clothing, was put into his box by
the friend.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell pointed out
that had defendant's explanation
been a true one, it would readily
have been given to the Police
Sergeant who arrested him at the
Tung On Wharf yesterday.
As it was, it took defendant
twenty-four hours to think out
an excuse.

Yet another story was told by
the defendant when questioned by
the Magistrate about his seeming
poverty. He had \$100 to put up
as bail with the Inspector and told
the Magistrate that this did not
belong to him, but was put up by
friends in Hongkong.

On being informed by the police
that the case was not regarded
with any great gravity, the Magis-
trate imposed a fine of \$50, and
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weapon.

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waiting ever since the advent of
women members was performed
recently when a male member
addressed the House wearing a
woman's hat. The Labourite
Member, Mr. G. Buchanan, de-
sired to raise a point, but had no
hat. He borrowed the velvet
turban of Miss Ellen C. Wilkinson,
also a Labourite member, which
he clasped upon his red hair.
Thus he addressed the Speaker
amid noisy merriment.

A meeting of the newly formed
International Baseball Club of
Shanghai was held last week
when officers were elected and
the bylaws were adopted. The
officers of the new Club are
Messrs. McNight, Chairman,
Bridges, Secretary, and Tolder-
lung, Treasurer. The new club
has no connection with any ex-
isting baseball club nor is it
meant to replace any existing
club. It is a new club formed
chiefly among ex-navy men and
others, who wish to augment
baseball in Shanghai.

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